

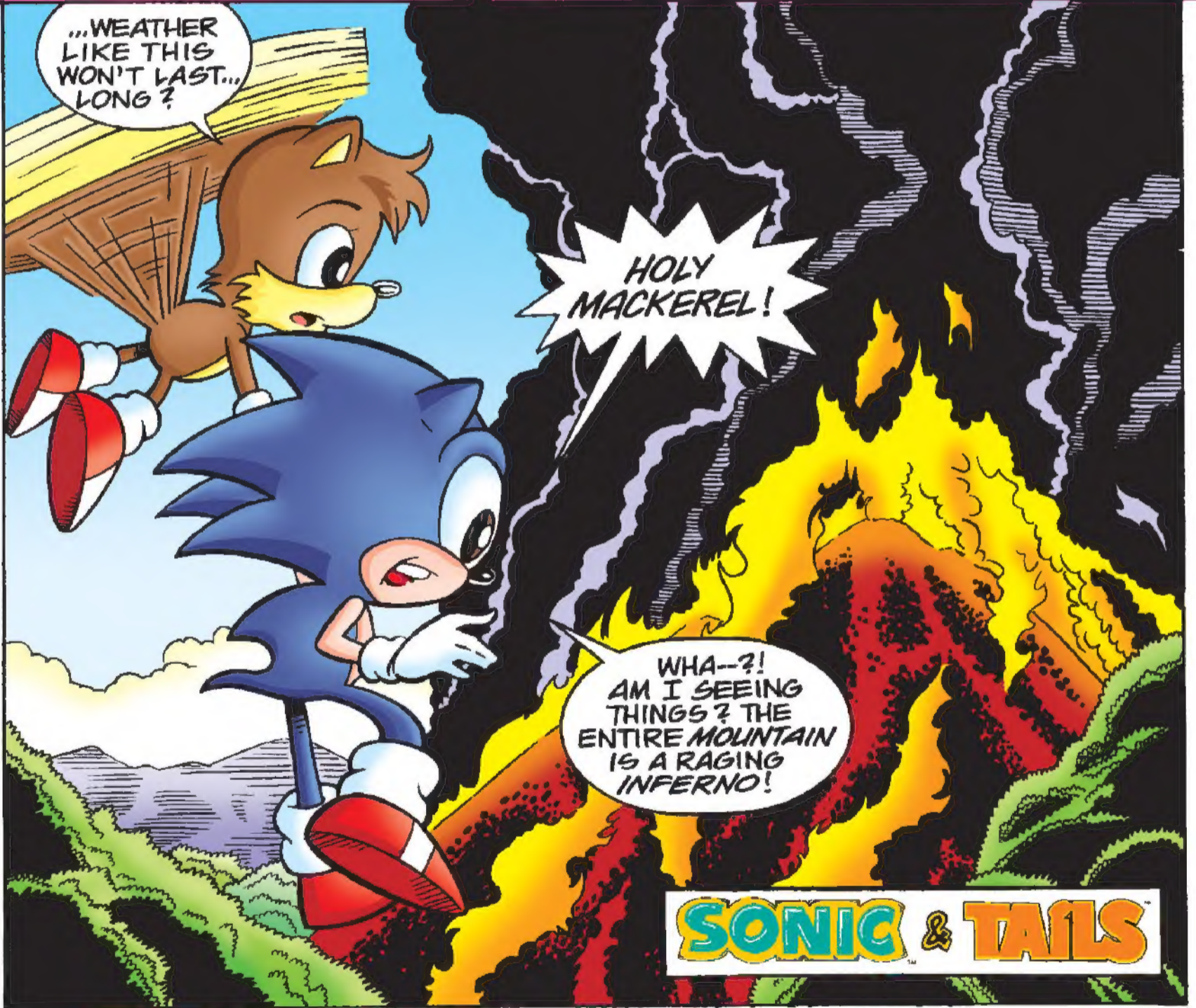
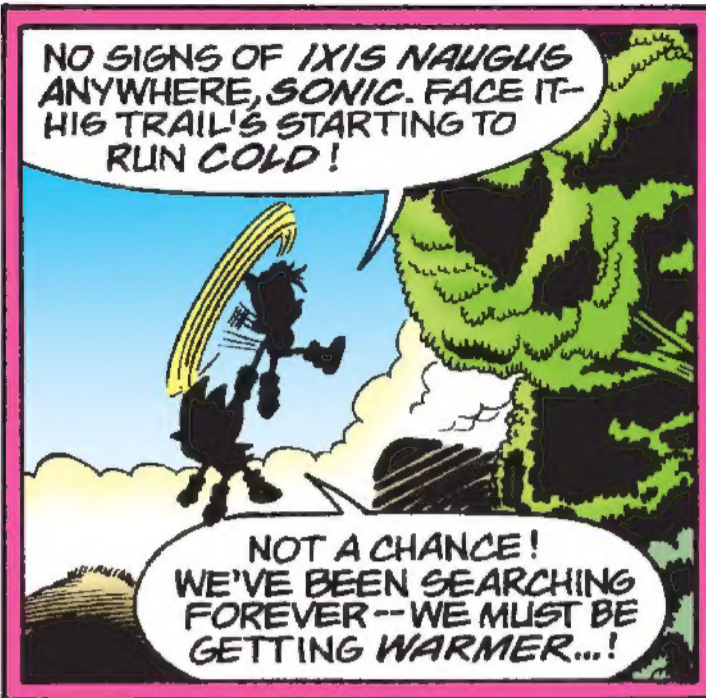
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THE HEDGEHOG

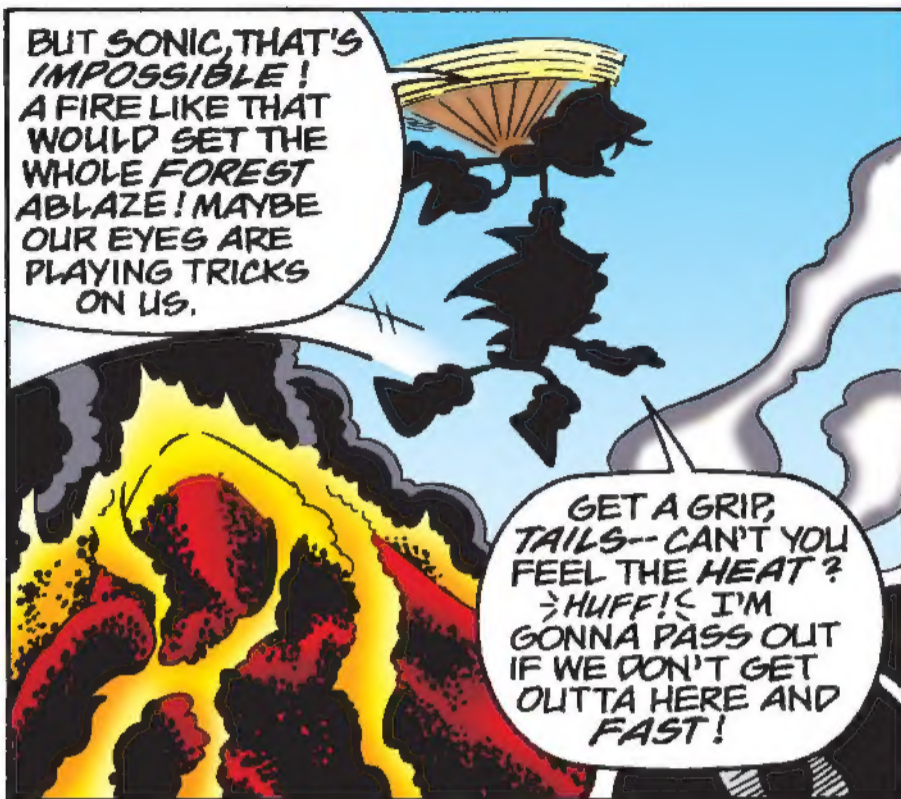


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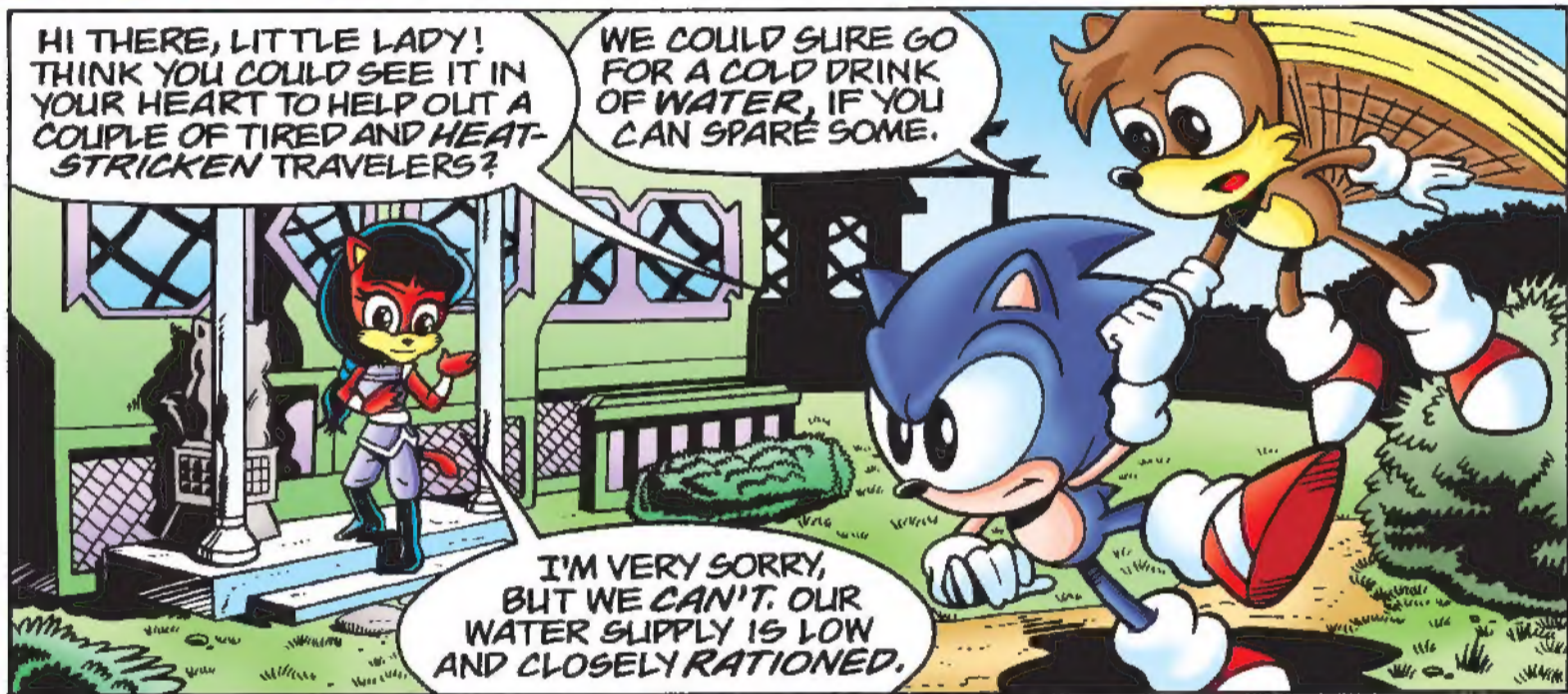
BUT SONIC, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! A FIRE LIKE THAT WOULD SET THE WHOLE FOREST ABLAZE! MAYBE OUR EYES ARE PLAYING TRICKS ON US.

GET A GRIP, TAILS-- CAN'T YOU FEEL THE HEAT? >HUFF!< I'M GONNA PASS OUT IF WE DON'T GET OUTTA HERE AND FAST!



HEY, LOOK! WE'RE IN LUCK-- A VILLAGE AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN!

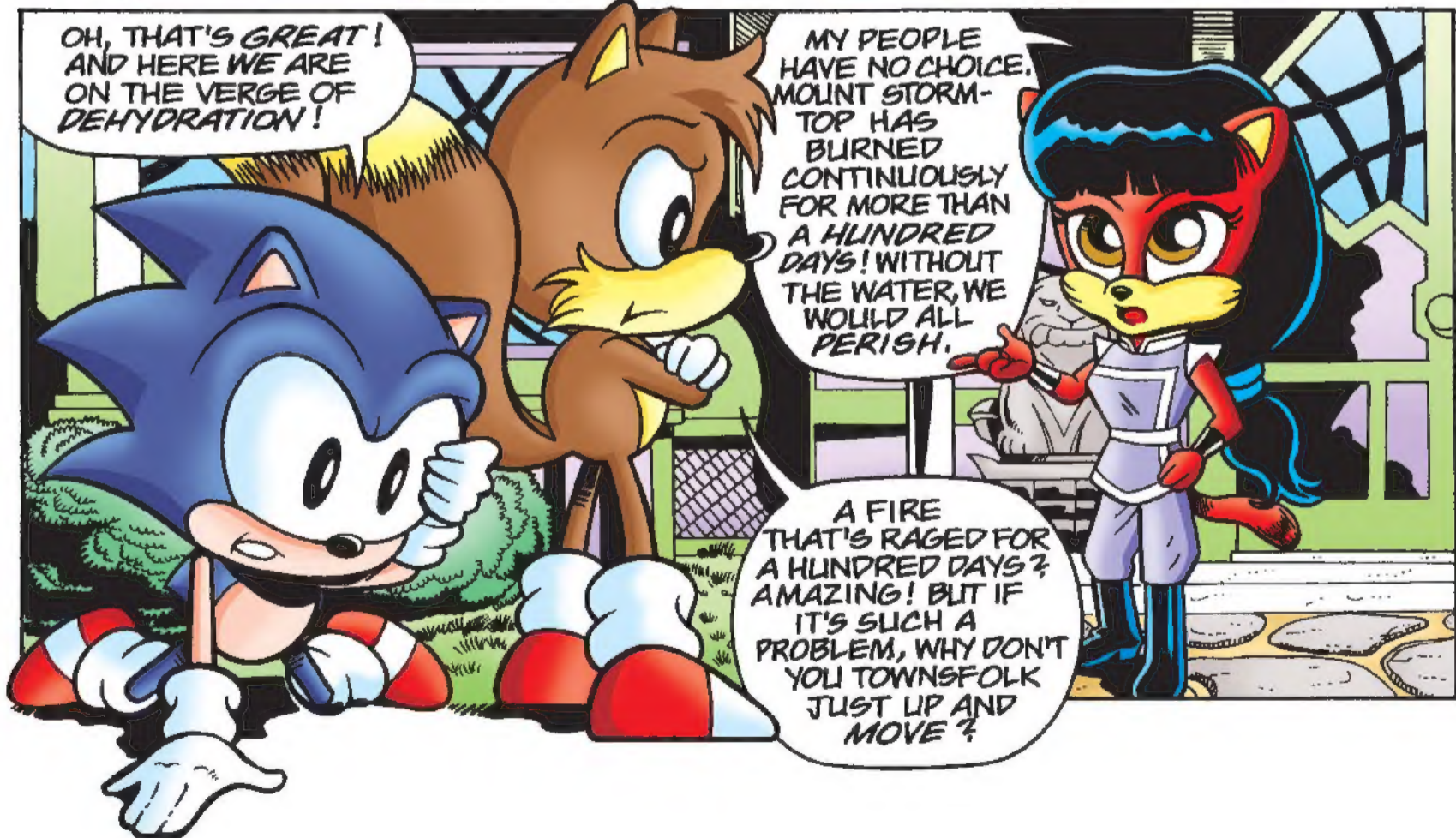
HOW COULD ANYONE STAND TO LIVE SO CLOSE TO THAT GIANT BONFIRE?



HI THERE, LITTLE LADY! THINK YOU COULD SEE IT IN YOUR HEART TO HELP OUT A COUPLE OF TIRED AND HEAT-STRICKEN TRAVELERS?

WE COULD SURE GO FOR A COLD DRINK OF WATER, IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME.

I'M VERY SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T. OUR WATER SUPPLY IS LOW AND CLOSELY RATIONED.



OH, THAT'S GREAT! AND HERE WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF DEHYDRATION!

MY PEOPLE HAVE NO CHOICE. MOUNT STORM-TOP HAS BURNED CONTINUOUSLY FOR MORE THAN A HUNDRED DAYS! WITHOUT THE WATER, WE WOULD ALL PERISH.

A FIRE THAT'S RAGED FOR A HUNDRED DAYS? AMAZING! BUT IF IT'S SUCH A PROBLEM, WHY DON'T YOU TOWNSFOLK JUST UP AND MOVE?

MOVE? HEH! EASIER SAID THAN DONE, STRANGER! I AM LI YUEN--LI MOON AND I AND OUR FAMILY HAVE LIVED HERE ALL OUR LIVES. WOULD YOU BE SO QUICK TO LEAVE THE PLACE YOU'VE ALWAYS CALLED HOME?

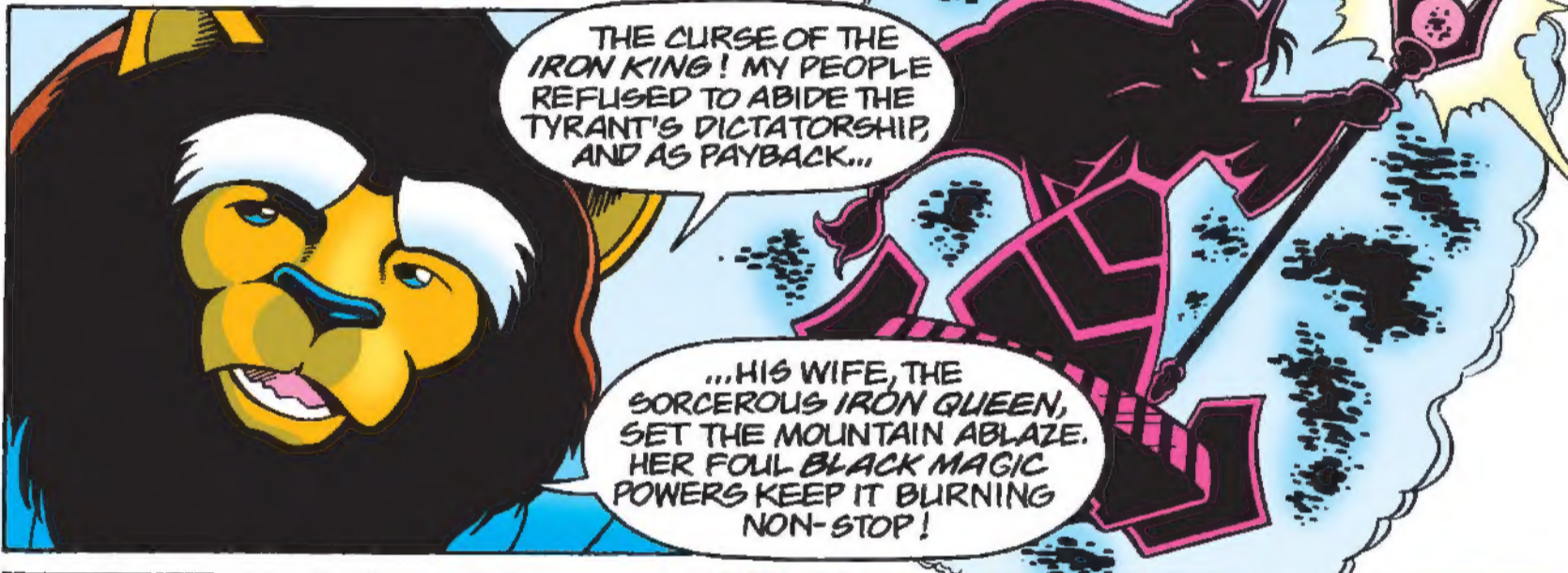
GRANDFATHER!

OKAY, FAIR ENOUGH, OLD MAN... BUT EXACTLY WHAT'S CAUSING THIS FIRE IN THE FIRST PLACE?



THE CURSE OF THE IRON KING! MY PEOPLE REFUSED TO ABIDE THE TYRANT'S DICTATORSHIP, AND AS PAYBACK...

...HIS WIFE, THE SORCEROUS IRON QUEEN, SET THE MOUNTAIN ABLAZE. HER FOUL BLACK MAGIC POWERS KEEP IT BURNING NON-STOP!



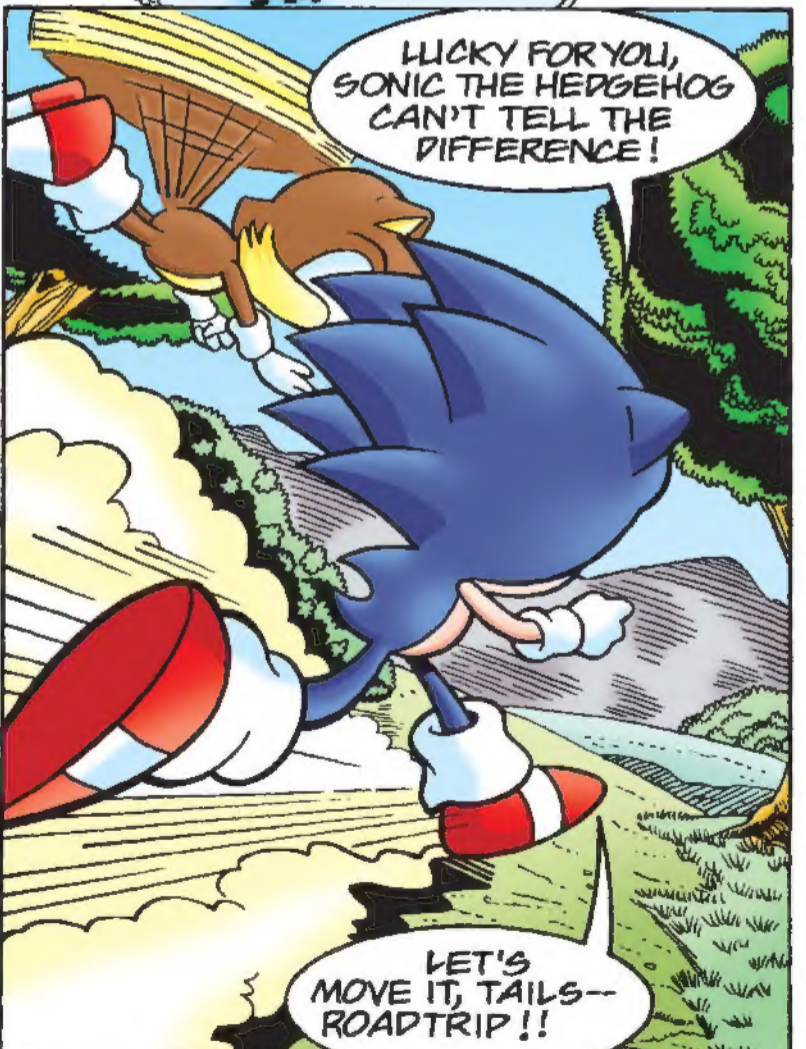
THE ONLY THING THAT CAN PUT OUT THE FIRE IS THE ENCHANTED FAN OF FEN XING, UNFORTUNATELY, THE IRON KING KEEPS IT LOCKED AWAY IN HIS ARSENAL...

BINGO! ALL YOU GUYS NEED IS SOMEONE BRAVE ENOUGH TO GO GET IT!



CHALLENGING THE IRON KING IN HIS OWN FORTRESS ISN'T BRAVE-- IT'S STUPID!

LUCKY FOR YOU, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE!



LET'S MOVE IT, TAILS-- ROADTRIP!!

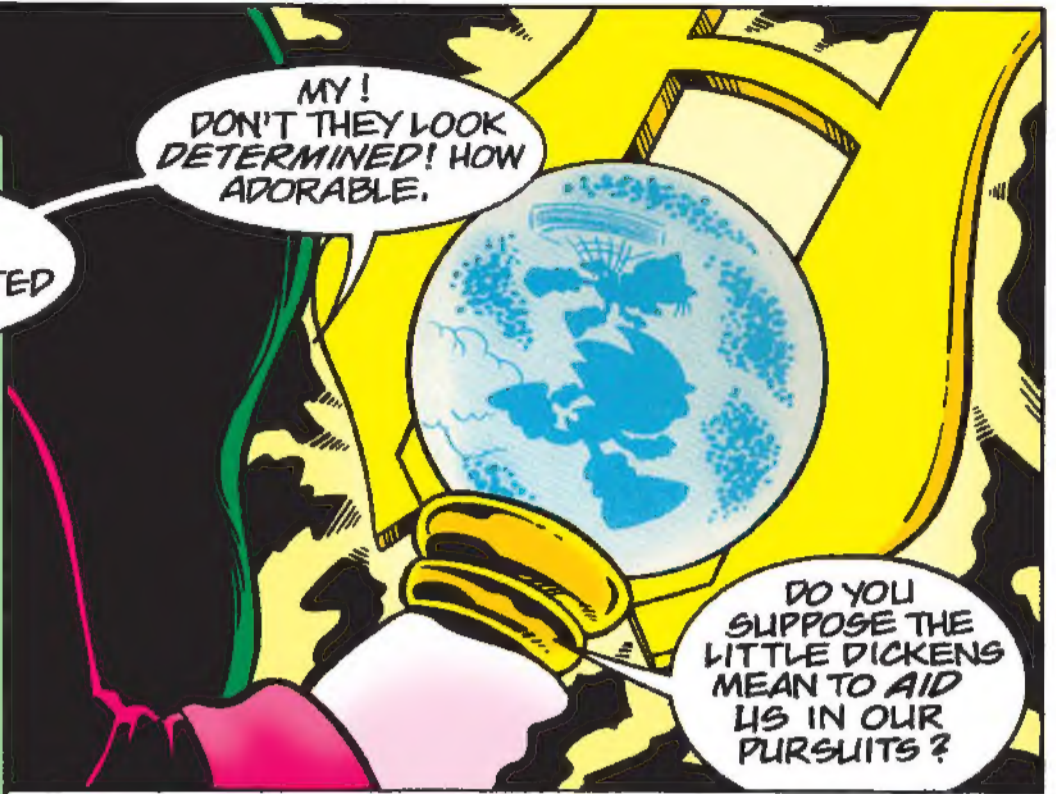
MEANWHILE, AT THE IRON FORTRESS...



Heeheeheehee!
I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE... A PAIR OF UNEXPECTED GUESTS.

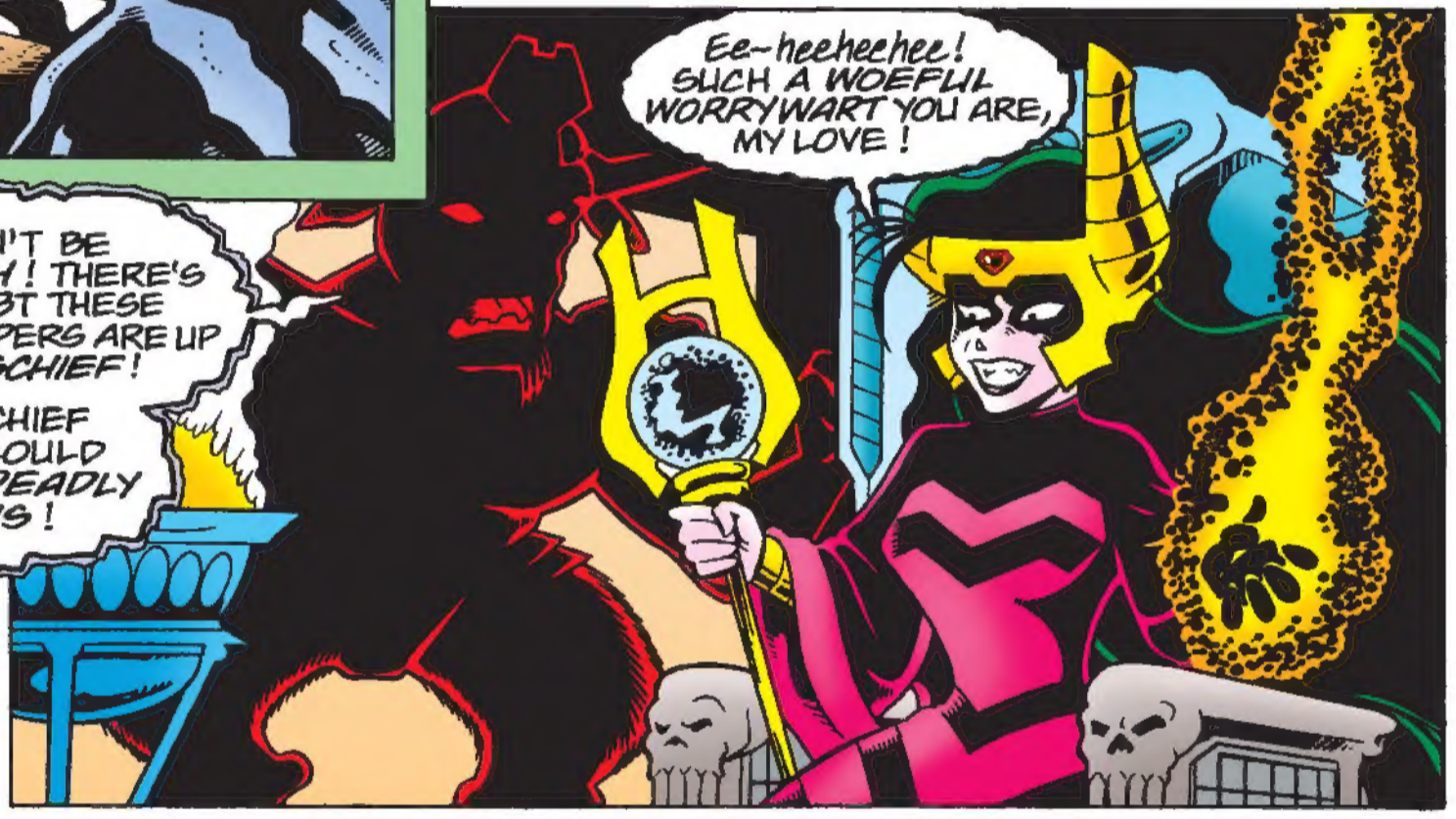
MY!
DON'T THEY LOOK DETERMINED! HOW ADORABLE.

DO YOU SUPPOSE THE LITTLE DICKENS MEAN TO AID US IN OUR PURSUITS?



Ee-heeheehee!
SUCH A WOEFUL WORRYWART YOU ARE, MY LOVE!

DON'T BE FOOLISH! THERE'S NO DOUBT THESE INTERLOPERS ARE UP TO MISCHIEF!
MISCHIEF THAT COULD PROVE DEADLY FOR US!



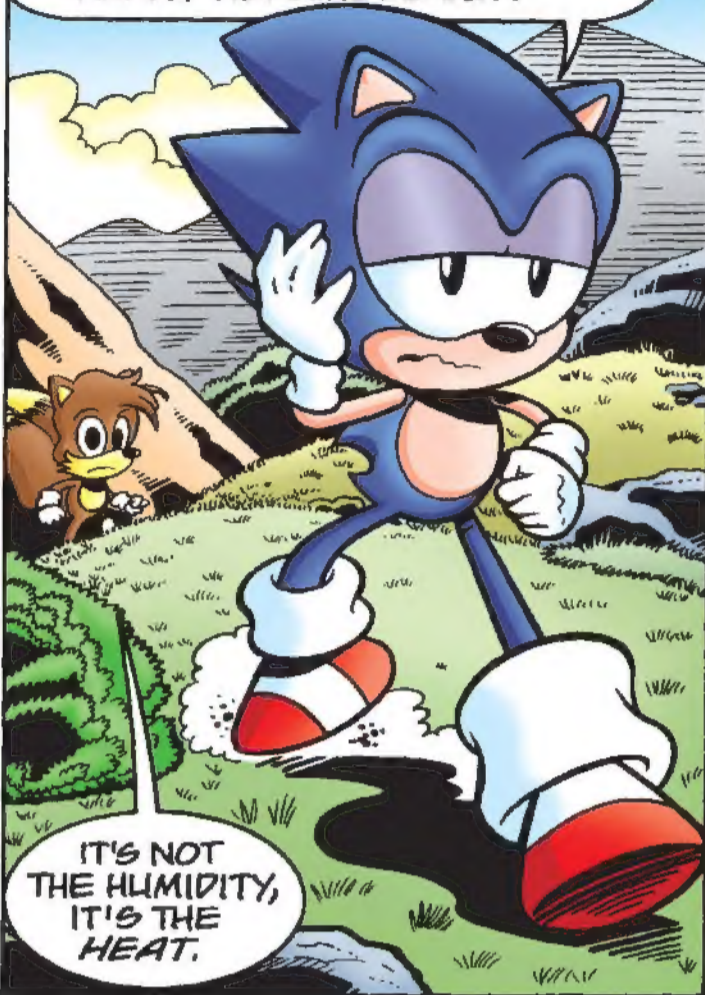
THE SITUATION IS NOT AS DIRE AS YOU MAKE IT OUT.

ALL THAT'S CALLED FOR IS A SPOILER TO ADD TO THE MIX--

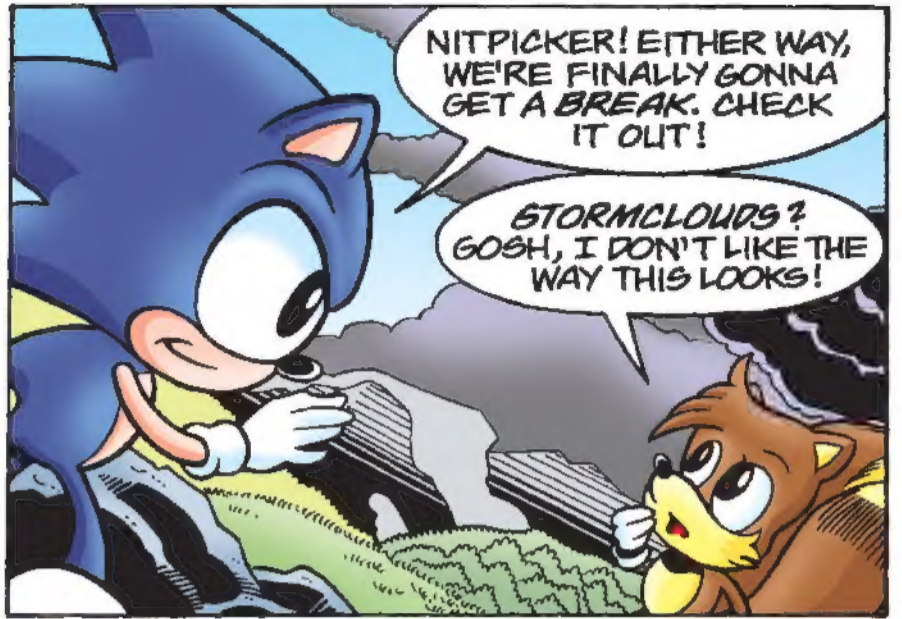
--SPEAKING OF WHOM...!



>GASP! PANT!< I... AM BEAT!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY I
COULDN'T HANDLE AN EASY HIKE!
TAKE FIVE, TAILS--THE HUMIDITY'S
REALLY WEARING ME OUT!



IT'S NOT
THE HUMIDITY,
IT'S THE
HEAT.

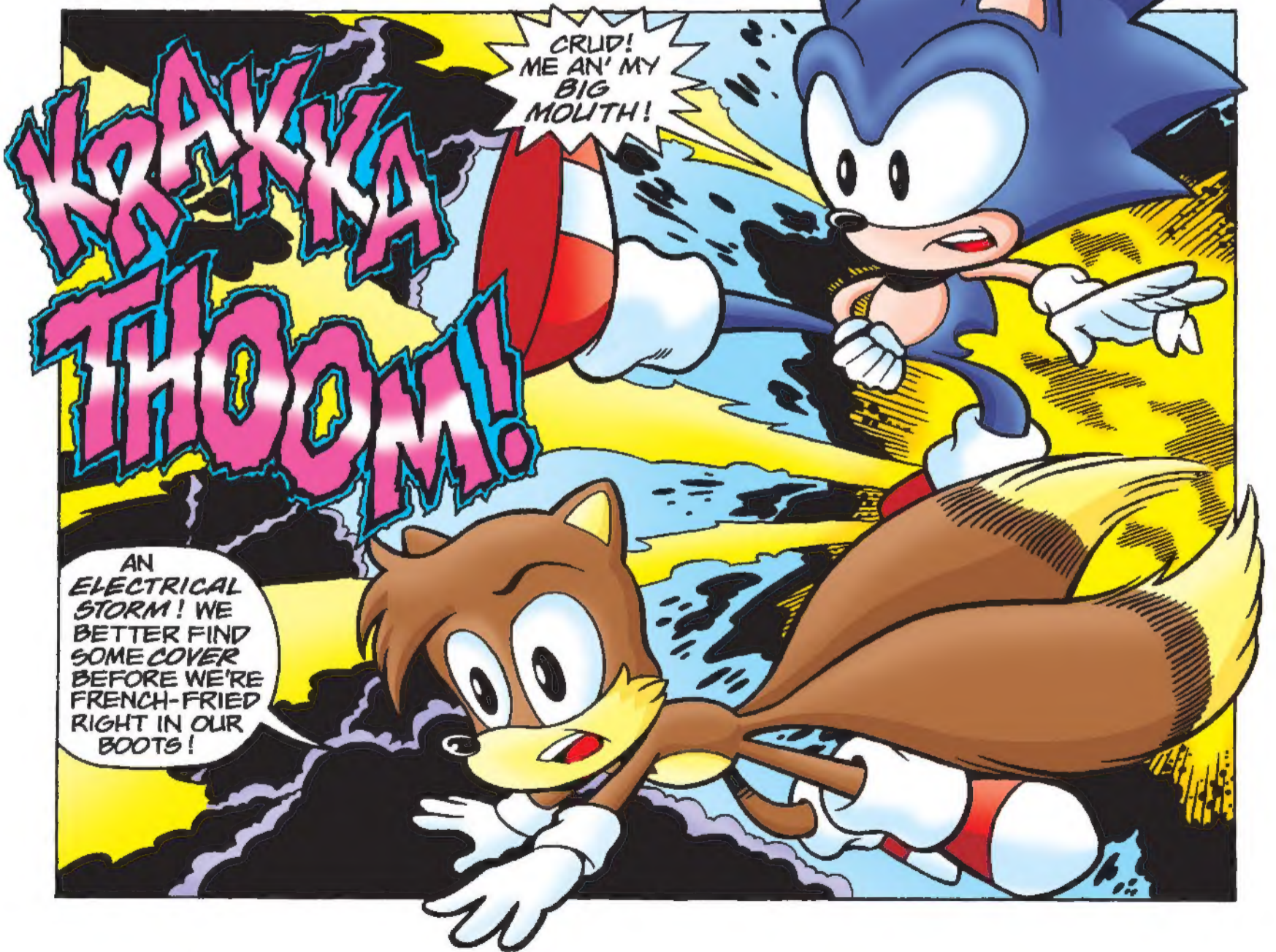


NITPICKER! EITHER WAY,
WE'RE FINALLY GONNA
GET A BREAK. CHECK
IT OUT!

STORMCLOUDS?
GOSH, I DON'T LIKE THE
WAY THIS LOOKS!



OH, RELAX! KICK
BACK AND SOAK IT
IN, BUD! A FEW
RAINDROPS NEVER
HURT ANYONE!



CRUD!
ME AN' MY
BIG
MOUTH!

**KRAKKA
THOOM!**

AN
ELECTRICAL
STORM! WE
BETTER FIND
SOME COVER
BEFORE WE'RE
FRENCH-FRIED
RIGHT IN OUR
BOOTS!

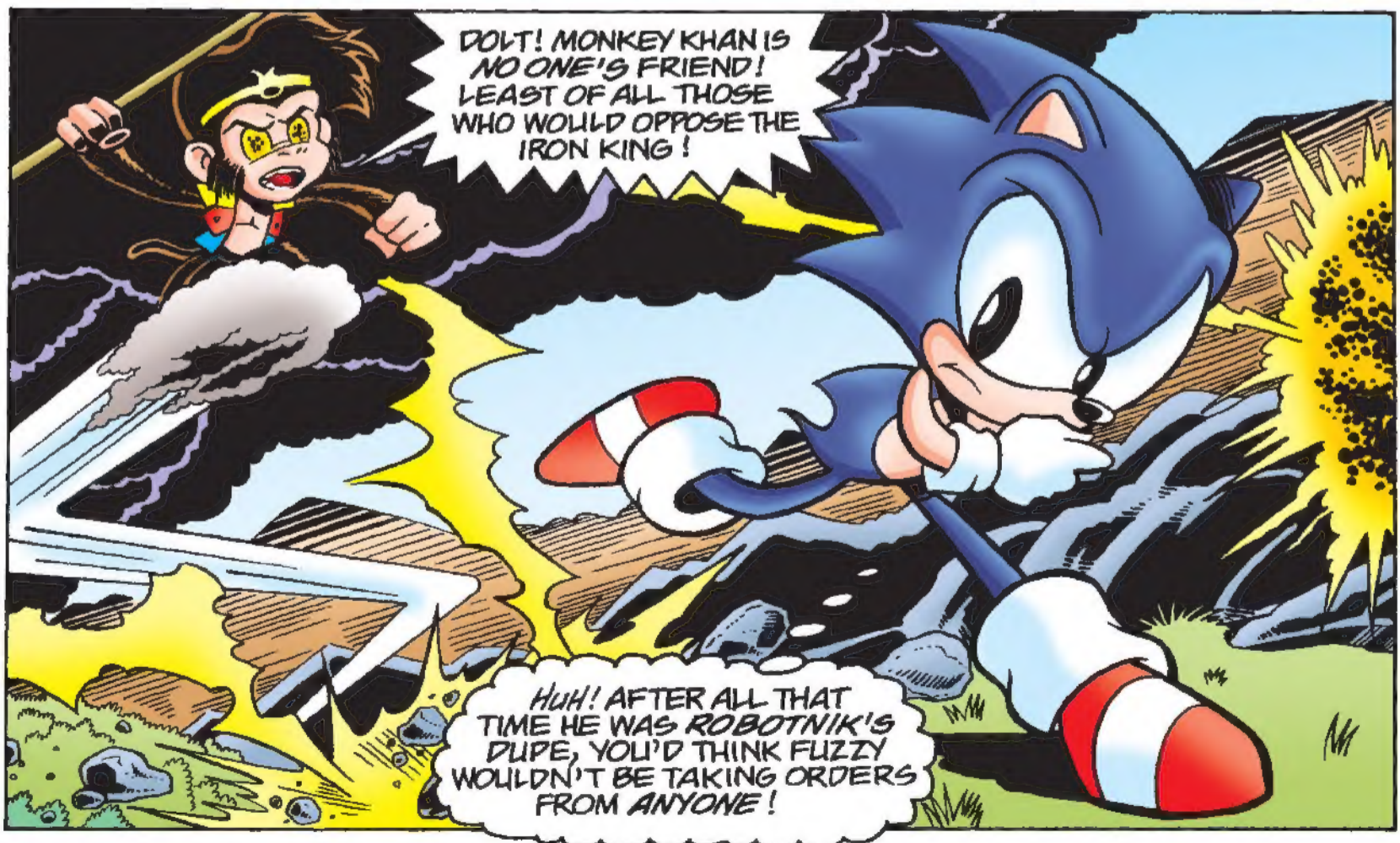


HOLD! ENEMIES OF THE IRON KING MAY GO NO FURTHER... UNLESS YOU WISH TO FACE MY TERRIBLE WRATH!

DOESN'T IT USUALLY RAIN CATS AND DOGS RATHER THAN MONKEYS?

BIG TROUBLE! THAT'S THE SIMIAN SUPER-CYBORG HIMSELF-- MONKEY KHAN! FUNNY THING IS, I COULD'A SWORN HE AND I PARTED AS FRIENDS WHEN LAST WE MET... !*

*THEY MET IN SONIC Archives Vol.15--EDITOR



DOLT! MONKEY KHAN IS NO ONE'S FRIEND! LEAST OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD OPPOSE THE IRON KING!

HUH! AFTER ALL THAT TIME HE WAS ROBOTNIK'S DUPE, YOU'D THINK FUZZY WOULDN'T BE TAKING ORDERS FROM ANYONE!

RUN ALL YOU WANT,
SONIC-- YOU KNOW YOUR SPEED
CAN'T MATCH MINE!

YEAH,
RIGHT!

TAILS,
SOMETHING
MONDO
LUN-COOL
IS GOING ON
HERE!

YEAH, SONIC-- A
BLOOD-THIRSTY
LUNATIC IS TRYING
TO MURDER US!!

THAT'S JUST IT.
KHAN'S A HARMLESS PSYCHO,
NOT A MURDERER! IT'S
LIKE HE'S POSSESSED.
AND HEY, DID YOU CATCH A
GLIMPSE OF HIS WEIRD EYES?
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!

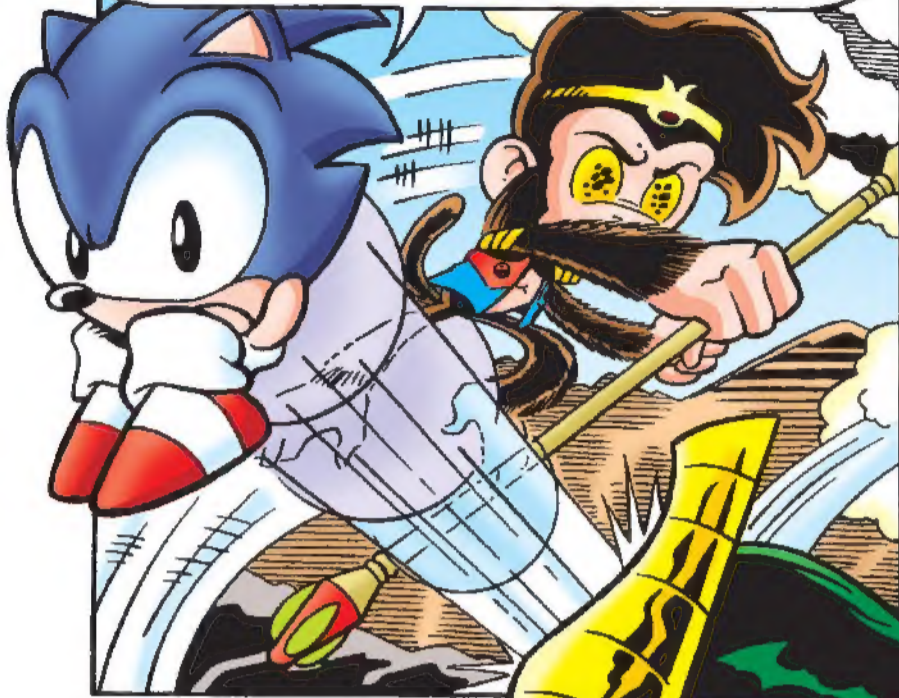
GRRR!!
MONKEY KHAN
GROWS TIRED
OF THE
CHASE!

RECESS
TIME IS OVER,
CRETIN...

...PREPARE YOURSELF
FOR A HECKLIVA
SLUG-FEST!!

OOP! IT
ALWAYS COMES DOWN
TO VIOLENCE WITH
YOU! I TELL YA,
YOU'VE GOT TO FIND
ANOTHER WAY TO
CHANNEL YOUR
AGGRESSIONS!

LIKE THROUGH A HOBBY... WHICH YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR ONCE I WHLIP YOUR BUTT CLEAR INTO NEXT WEEK!



Heeheeheehee! DETERMINED AND AMBITIOUS, AREN'T YOU? I LIKE THAT IN AN ENEMY! PITY THOSE VIRTUES WON'T KEEP MY SIMIAN PAWN FROM MOPPING THE FLOOR WITH YOU!



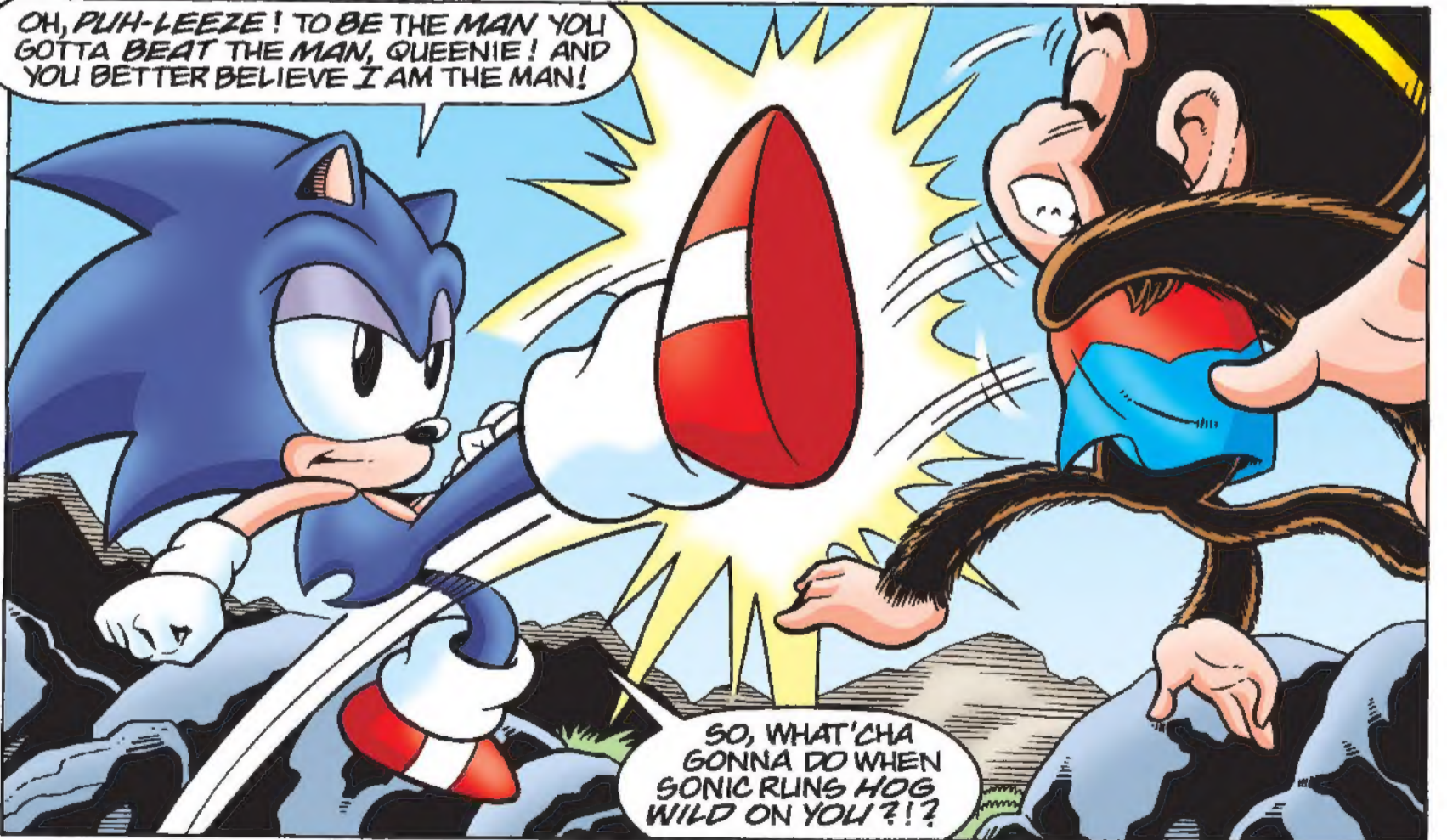
FIGHTING HIM IS A FUTILE GESTURE, BLUE-BOY!



UH-OH! THIS MUST BE THE IRON QUEEN!

MONKEY KHAN'S BOILING OVER WITH RAGE AND FURY! THAT'S WHAT MAKES HIM SO EASILY MANIPULATED--NOT TO MENTION UNDEFEATABLE IN A NO-HOLDS-BARRED BATTLE ROYAL !!

OH, PUH-LEEZE! TO BE THE MAN YOU GOTTA BEAT THE MAN, QUEENIE! AND YOU BETTER BELIEVE I AM THE MAN!

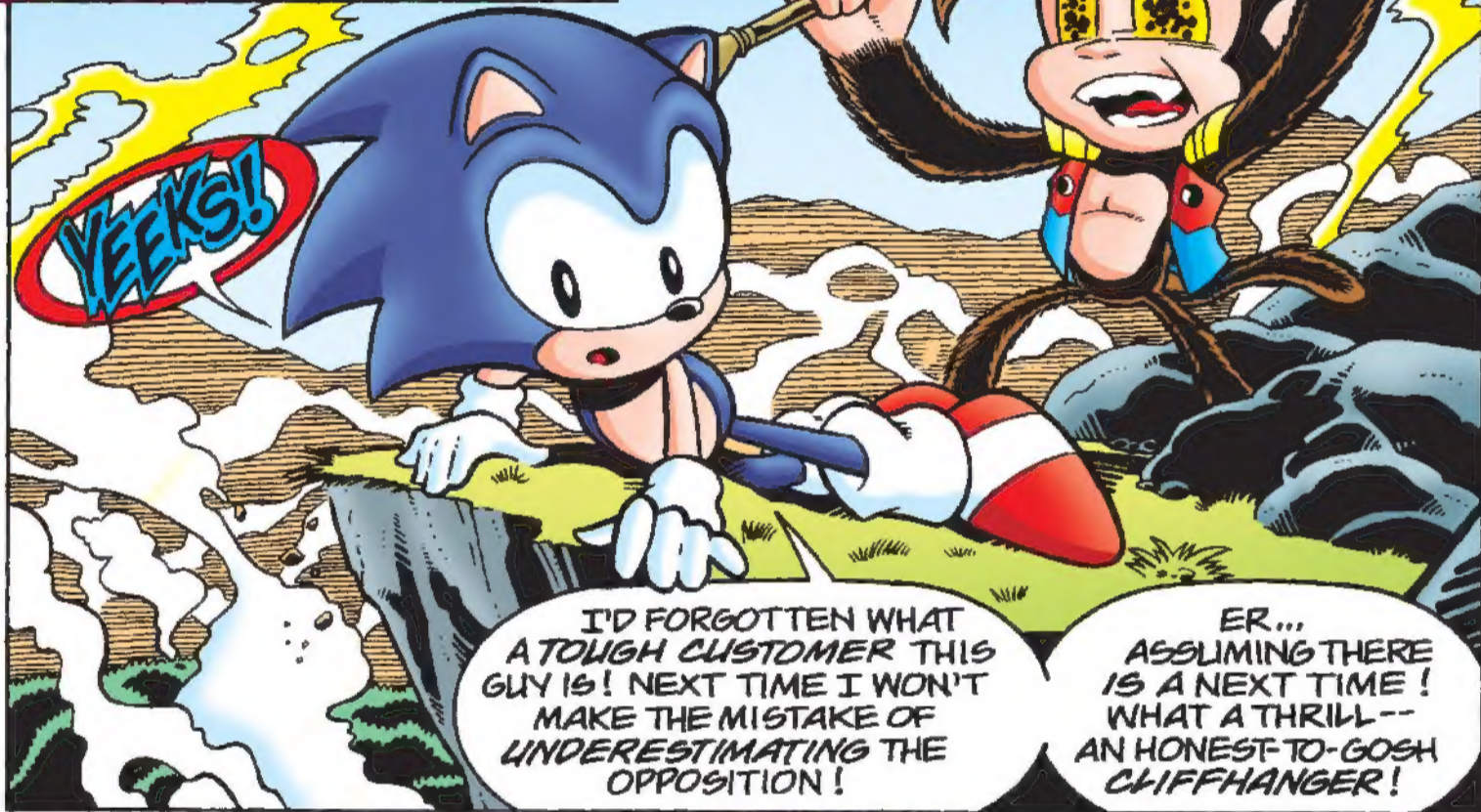


SO, WHAT'CHA GONNA DO WHEN SONIC RUNS HOG WILD ON YOU?!?



≥ SIGH! ≤ EVERYONE'S GOTTA HAVE A DREAM, I SUPPOSE. WELL, ENJOY THOSE SCANT FEW MOMENTS OF BLISS, HEDGEHOG, 'CAUSE YOU'RE IN FOR A RUDE AWAKENING! (Hee! SORRY--I COULDN'T RESIST!)

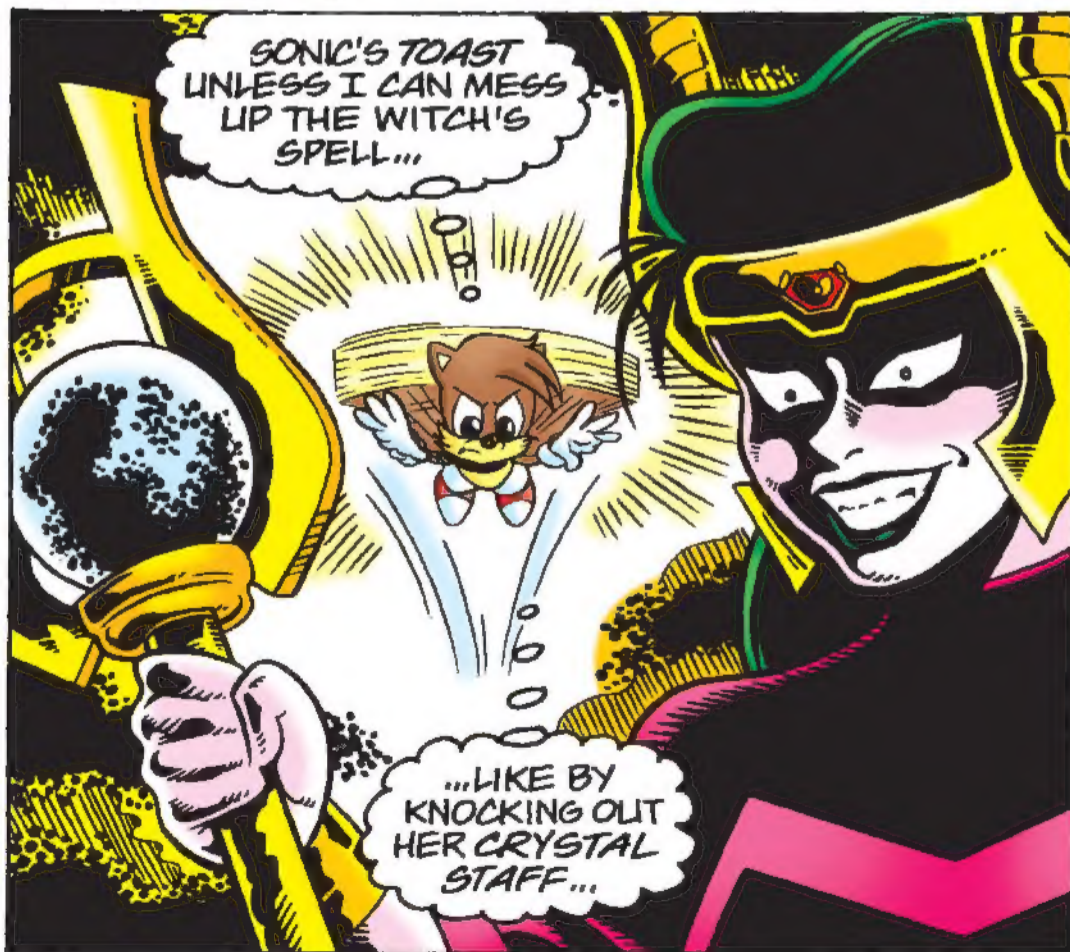
YOU'VE GOT 'IM ON THE ROPES, MONKEY KHAN! FINISH HIM OFF !!



YEEKS!

I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT A TOUGH CUSTOMER THIS GUY IS! NEXT TIME I WON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF UNDERESTIMATING THE OPPOSITION!

ER... ASSUMING THERE IS A NEXT TIME! WHAT A THRILL-- AN HONEST-TO-GOSH CHIFFHANGER!



SONIC'S TOAST UNLESS I CAN MESS UP THE WITCH'S SPELL...

...LIKE BY KNOCKING OUT HER CRYSTAL STAFF...



COWABUNGAAAAAH!

KRAASH!

HLIH? WHA? WHO?
HOW? WHERE? SONIC!
WHAT AM I...?

EASY DOES IT,
BUD. YOU'VE JUST
COME TO YOUR
SENSES... OR
Y'KNOW, A
REASONABLE
FACSIMILE!*

* AN EXACT
COPY--
ED-ICTIONARY

OOOH!! DARN
YOUR SOCKS! NOW
YOU'VE GONE AND
RUINED MY FUN!
YOU WIN ROUND
ONE, HEDGEHOG,
BUT THE GAME'S
ONLY GETTING
STARTED!

YEAH, YEAH!
DON'T COME CRYIN'
TO ME AT HALF-
TIME, TOOTS!

WAY TO SAVE THE DAY, TAILS! SO,
WHAT'S THE SKINNY? THE CRYSTAL
STAFF WAS THE SOURCE OF HER
SO-CALLED "MAGIC?"

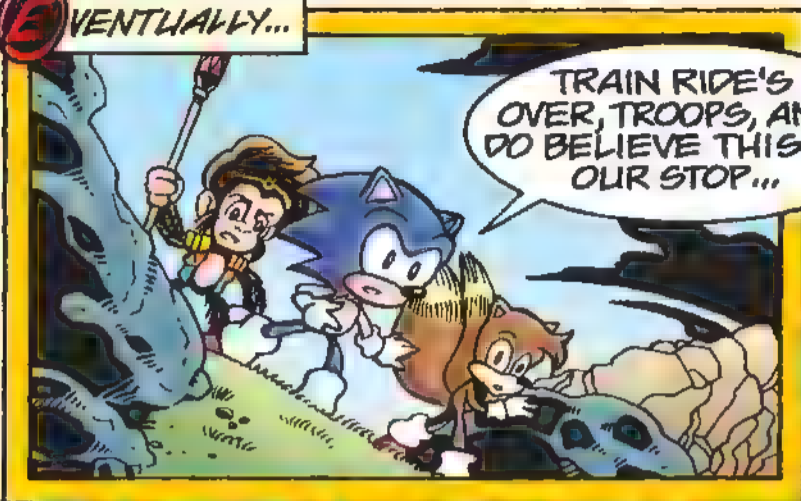
I DON'T KNOW IF
SHE'S REALLY GOT
MYSTIC POWERS, OR
NOT BECAUSE WHEN
I SMASHED HER STAFF
LOOK WHAT CAME OUT OF IT...

POWER RINGS!
THE IRON QUEEN
MUST'VE BUILT
THEM INTO HER
STAFF TO
AMPLIFY HER
STAFF! WE'RE
DEALING WITH
SOME SCARY
CHARACTERS
HERE,
TAILS!

NORMALLY, MONKEY KHAN WOULD RELISH
SUCH A CHALLENGE... BUT IT MIGHT BE WISE
TO BACK OUT WHILE WE STILL CAN!

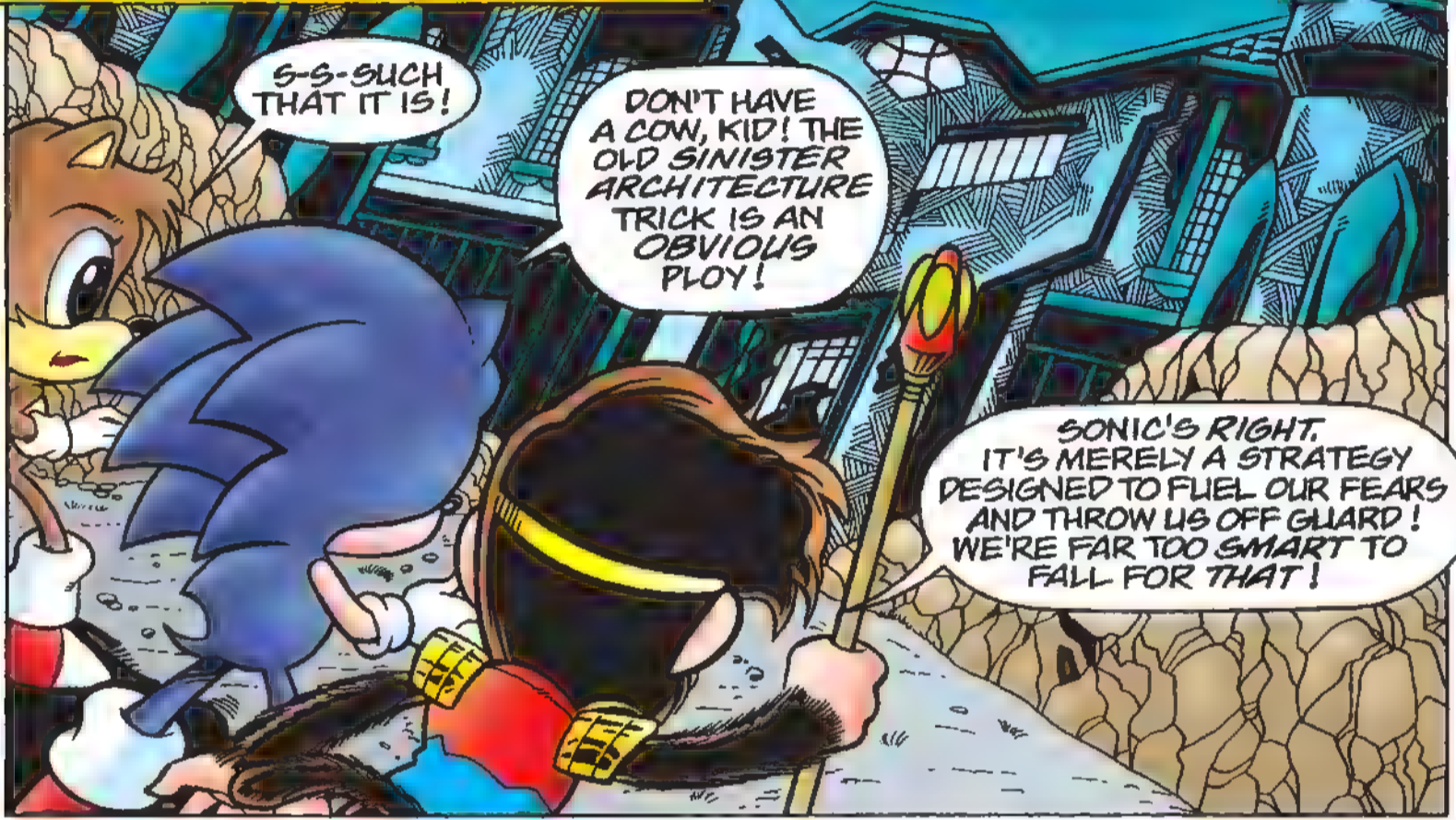
ARE YOU
KIDDING? I
CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE HOW THIS
MISADVENTURE
TURNS OUT, MK!

EVENTUALLY...



TRAIN RIDE'S OVER, TROOPS, AND I DO BELIEVE THIS IS OUR STOP...

...THE IRON FORTRESS, IN ALL ITS GLORY! UH, SUCH THAT IT IS.



S-S-SUCH THAT IT IS!

DON'T HAVE A COW, KID! THE OLD SINISTER ARCHITECTURE TRICK IS AN OBVIOUS PLOY!

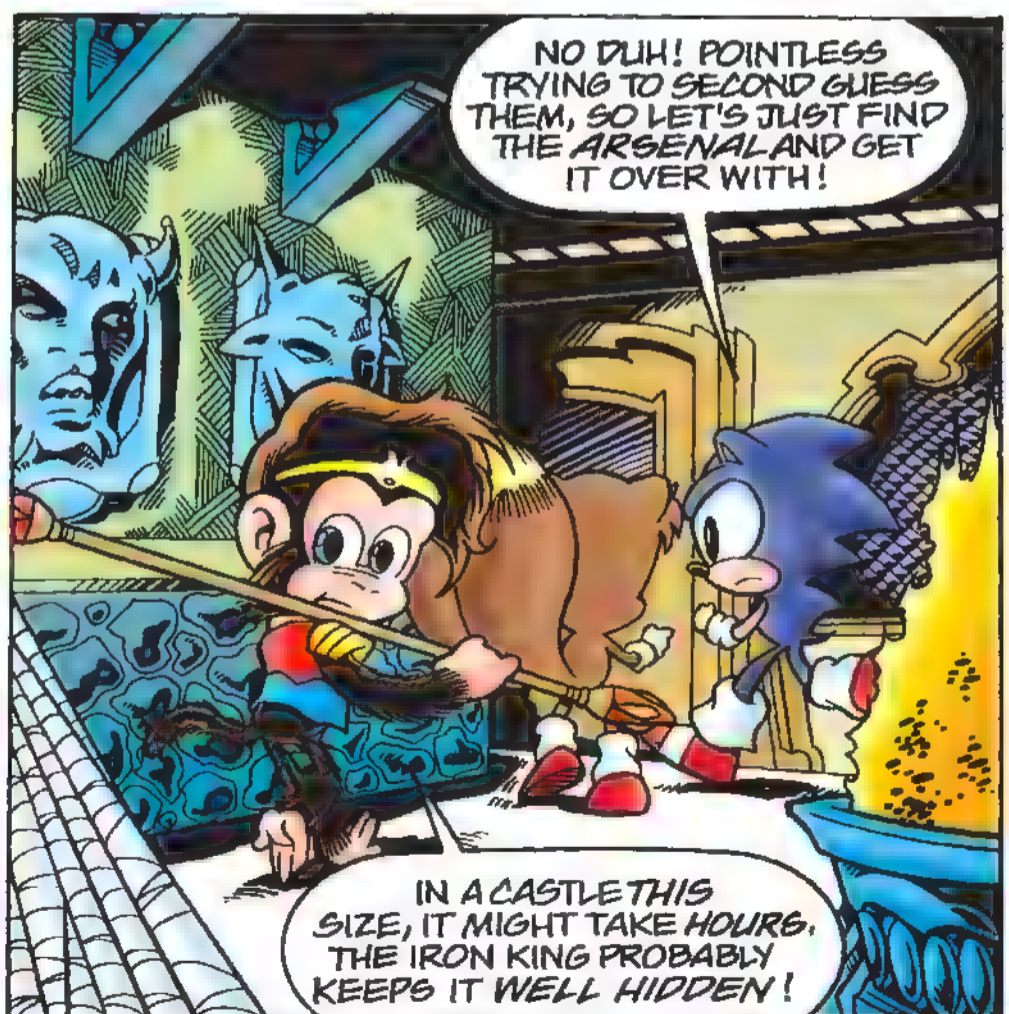
SONIC'S RIGHT. IT'S MERELY A STRATEGY DESIGNED TO FUEL OUR FEARS AND THROW US OFF GUARD! WE'RE FAR TOO SMART TO FALL FOR THAT!



SHUDDER!
Y-Y-YOU DON'T THINK THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING, DO YOU?

HECK, NO! THEY ALWAYS LEAVE THE DOORS OPEN FOR WEARY TRAVELERS!

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING WE'RE WALKING INTO A TRAP!



NO DUH! POINTLESS TRYING TO SECOND GUESS THEM, SO LET'S JUST FIND THE ARSENAL AND GET IT OVER WITH!

IN A CASTLE THIS SIZE, IT MIGHT TAKE HOURS. THE IRON KING PROBABLY KEEPS IT WELL HIDDEN!

I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT. HERE IT IS!

COOL! LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN THE—!!

EGOCENTRIC PUP! YOU COULDN'T BE FURTHER OFF THE MARK!

THOOM

CHEEZIT! THE BIG GUY'S ONTO US!

THE IRON KING'S SECURITY SYSTEM IS TOP NOTCH--EACH AND EVERY SNEAK-THIEF IS DEALT WITH PERSONALLY!

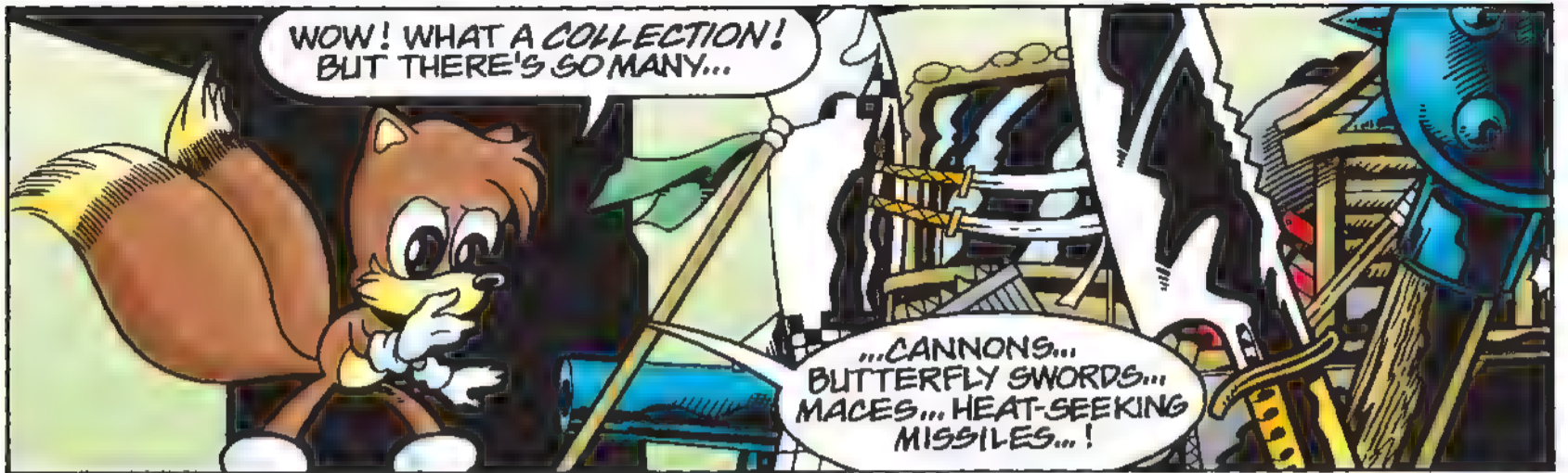
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, TAILS--NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO NAB THE FAN!

BUT, SONIC, I CAN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND LIKE THIS...!

RIDICULOUS! NOT WHEN MONKEY KHAN IS HERE TO BACK HIM UP! THERE'S NOTHING ME AND MY ATOM-BAT ENJOY MORE THAN A GOOD TUSSLE!

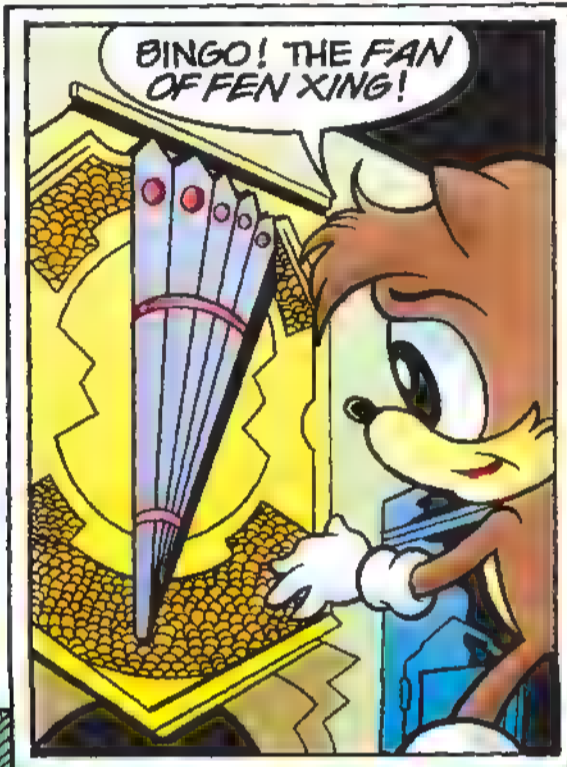
HAAAAHAHA!

WE'LL SEE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT AFTER THE IRON KING CRUSHES YOU TO PULP!

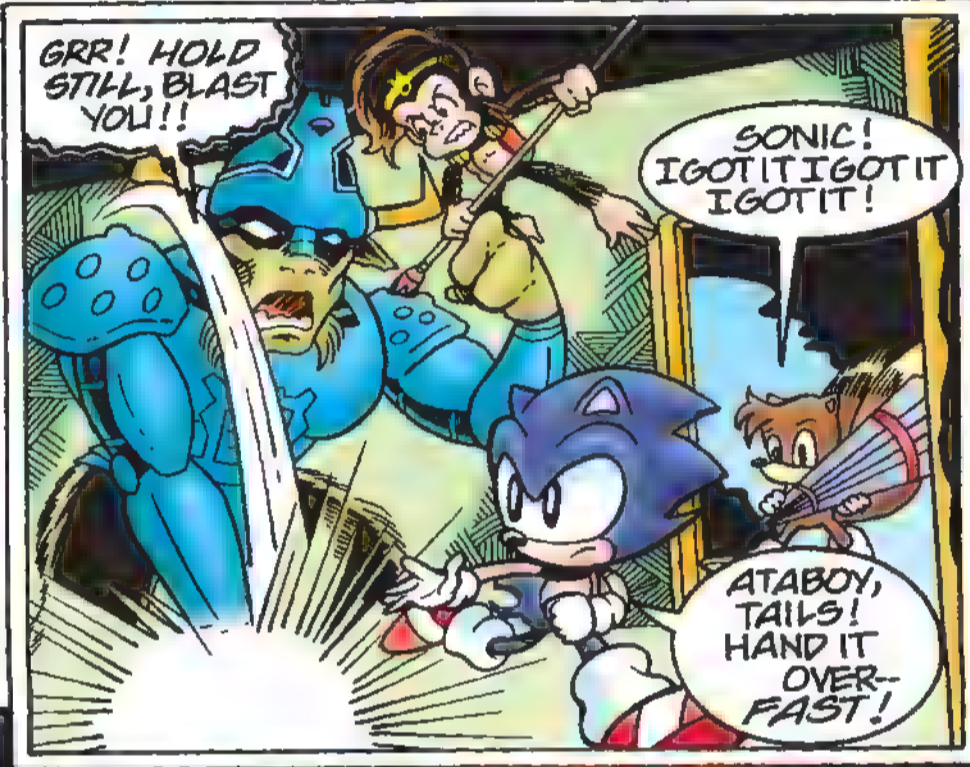


WOW! WHAT A COLLECTION!
BUT THERE'S SO MANY...

...CANNONS...
BUTTERFLY SWORDS...
MACES... HEAT-SEEKING
MISSILES...!



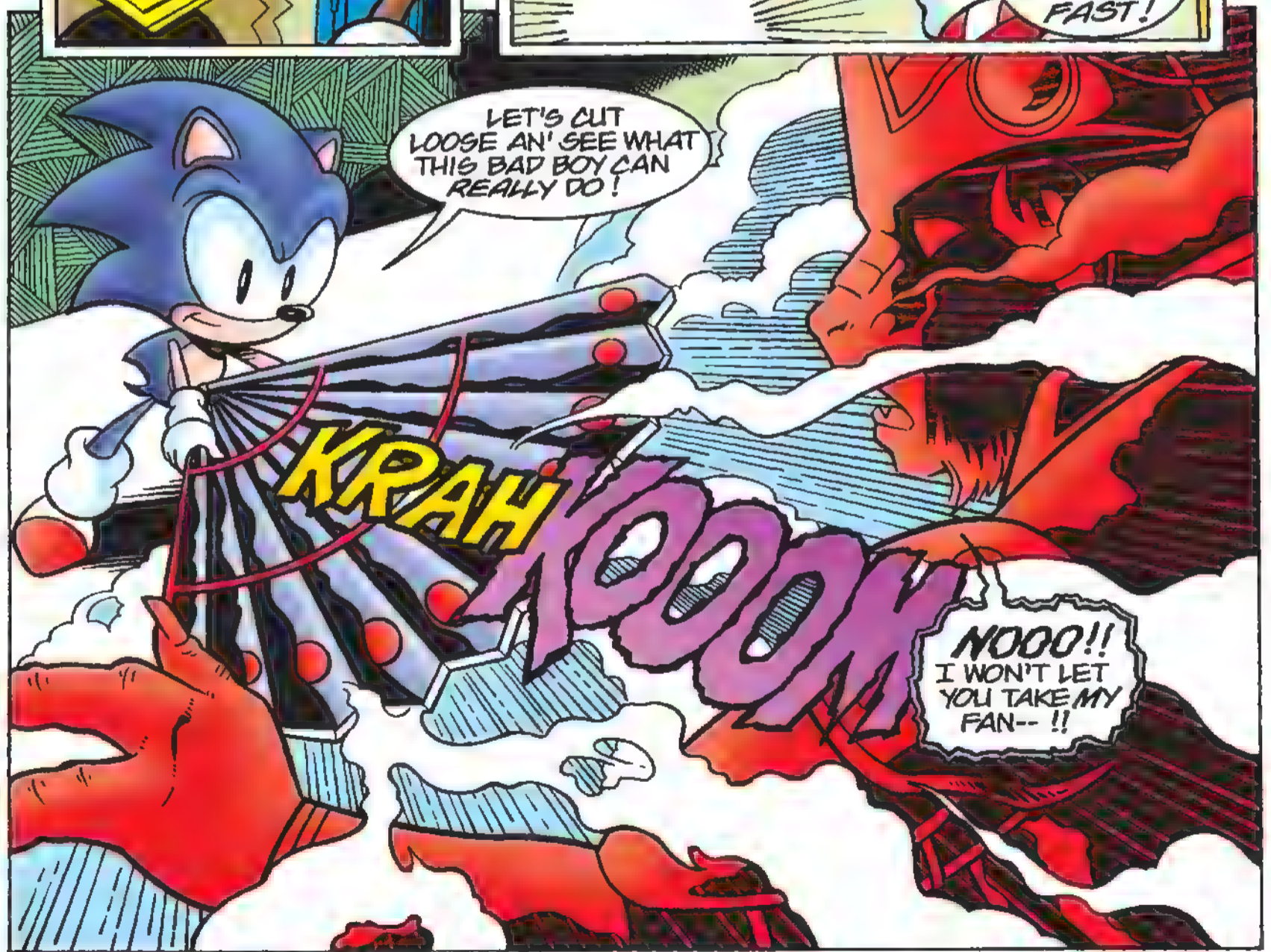
BINGO! THE FAN
OF FEN XING!



GRR! HOLD
STILL, BLAST
YOU!!

SONIC!
I GOT IT I GOT IT
I GOT IT!

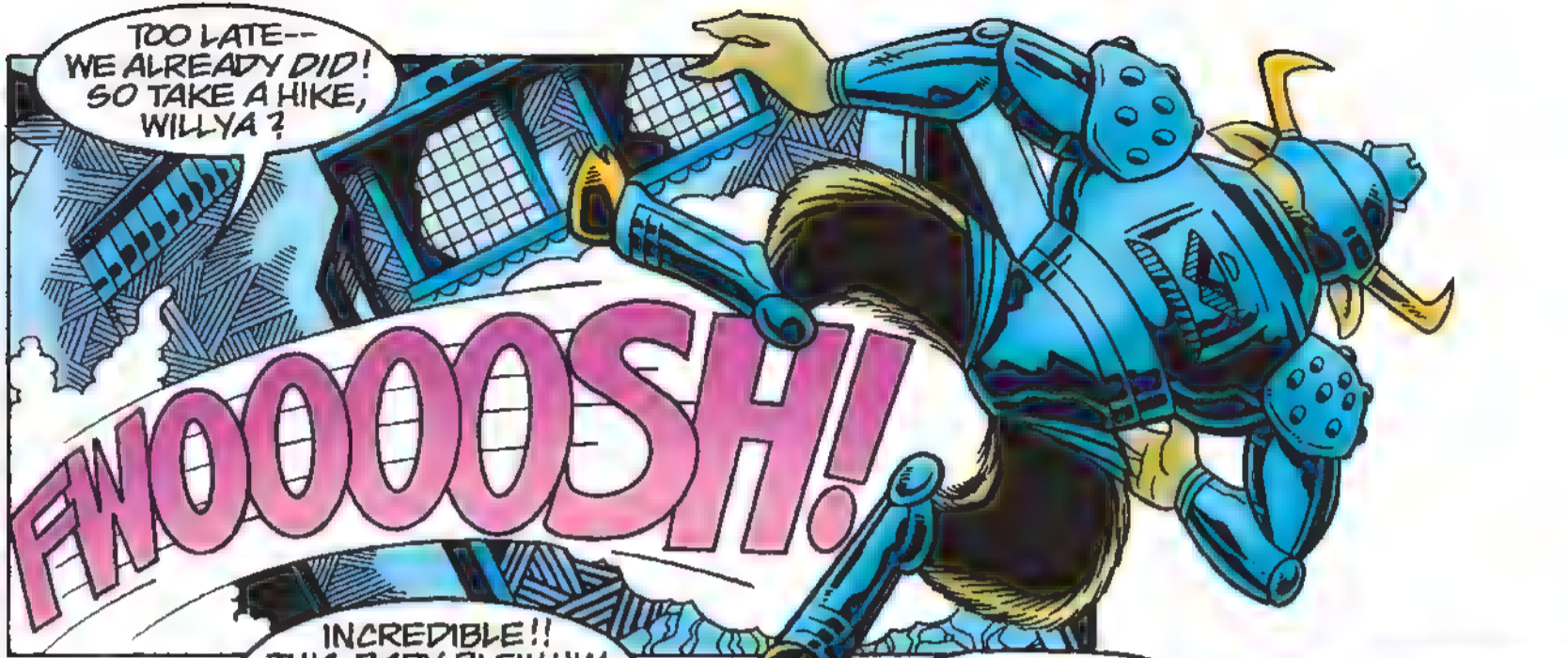
AT A BOY,
TAILS!
HAND IT
OVER-
FAST!



LET'S CUT
LOOSE AN' SEE WHAT
THIS BAD BOY CAN
REALLY DO!

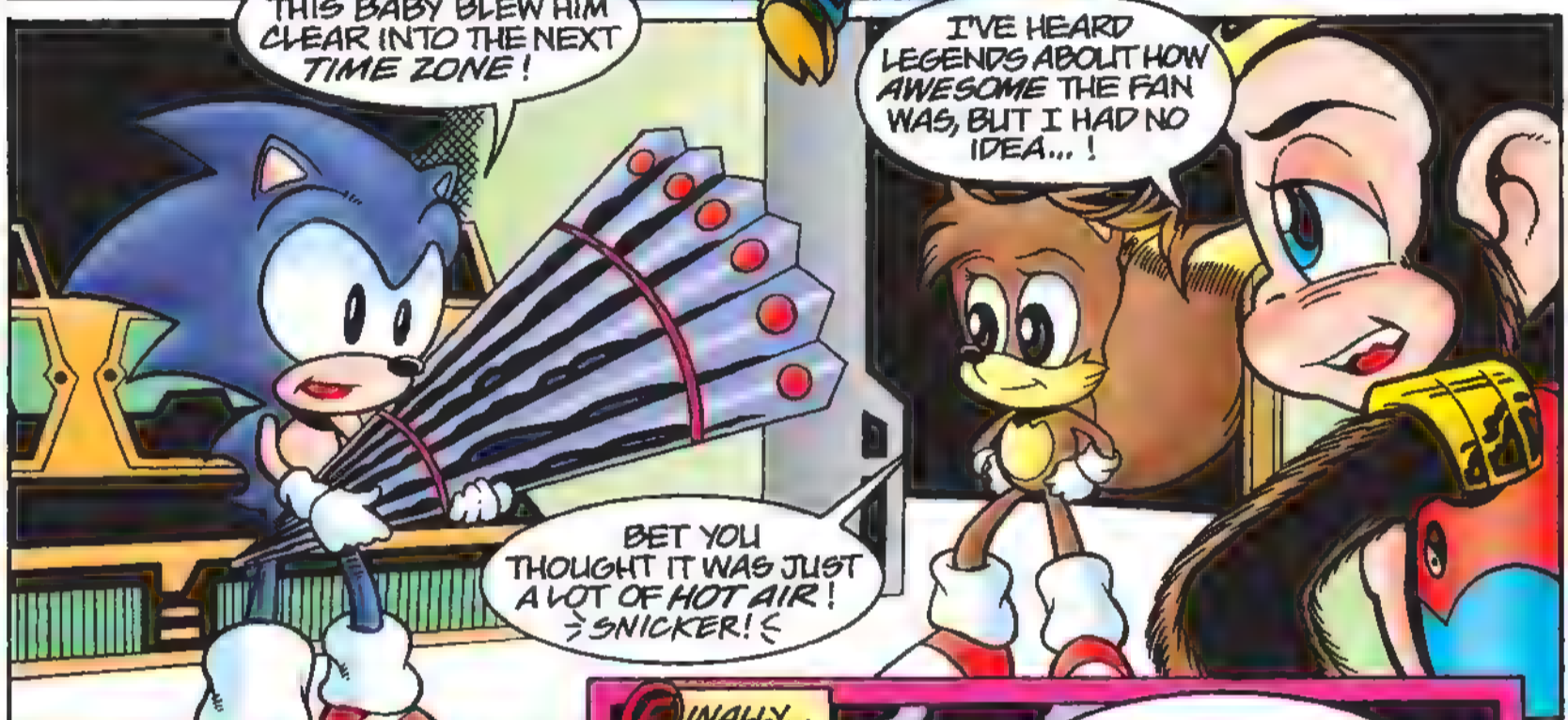
KRAH
POONK

NOOO!!
I WON'T LET
YOU TAKE MY
FAN-- !!



TOO LATE-- WE ALREADY DID! SO TAKE A HIKE, WILLYA?

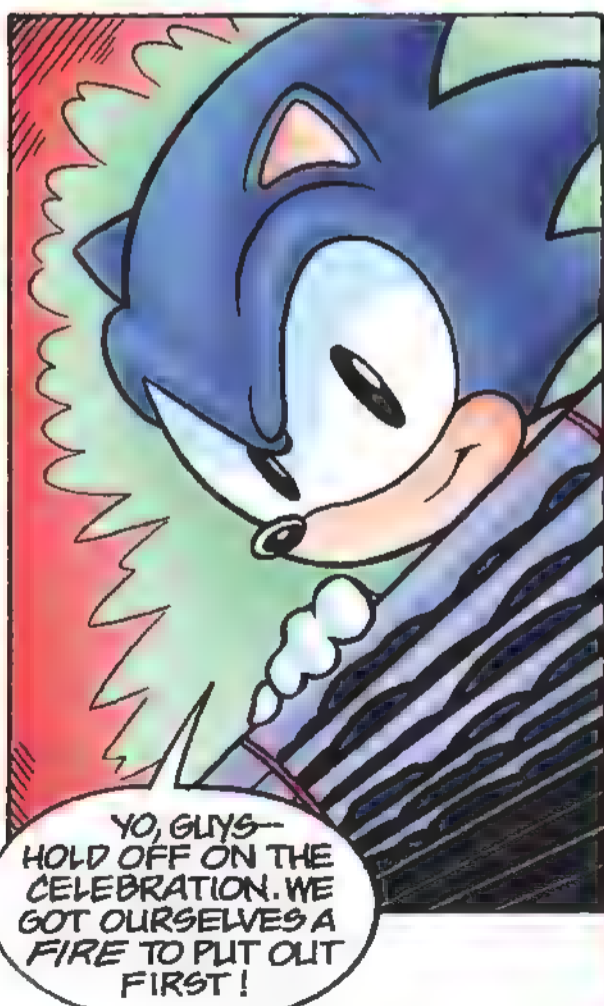
FWOOOOOSH!!



INCREDIBLE!! THIS BABY BLEW HIM CLEAR INTO THE NEXT TIME ZONE!

I'VE HEARD LEGENDS ABOUT HOW AWESOME THE FAN WAS, BUT I HAD NO IDEA...!

BET YOU THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A LOT OF HOT AIR! >SNICKER!<



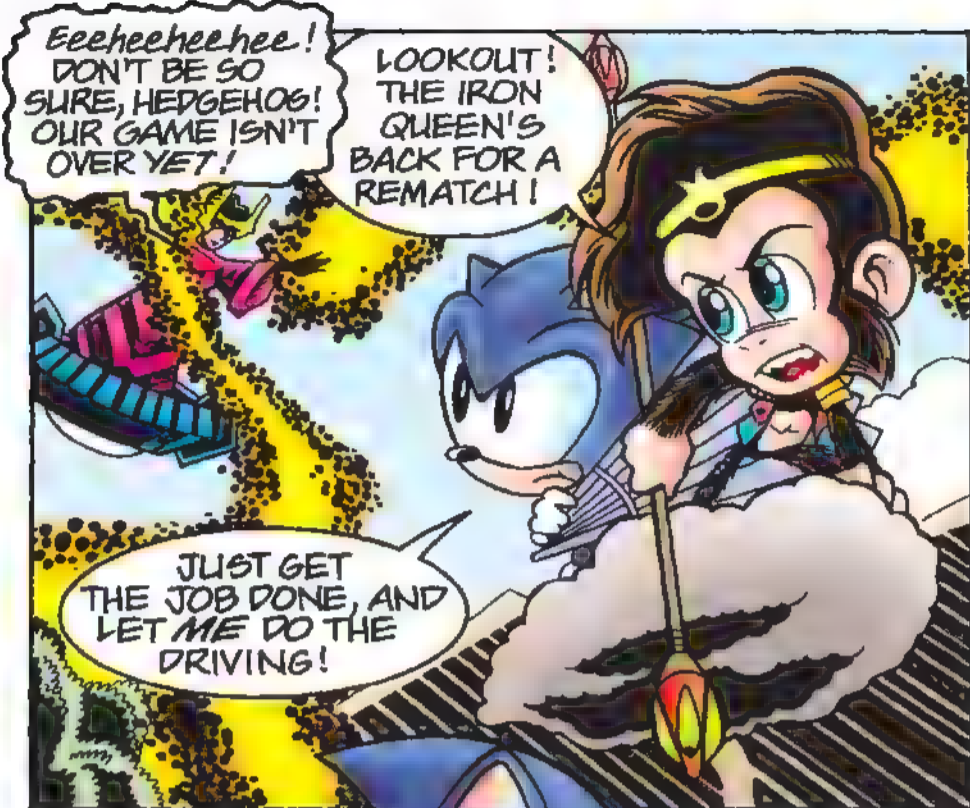
YO, GUYS-- HOLD OFF ON THE CELEBRATION. WE GOT OURSELVES A FIRE TO PUT OUT FIRST!



FINALLY...

MOUNT STORMTOP DEAD AHEAD! READY TO RUMBLE, SONIC?

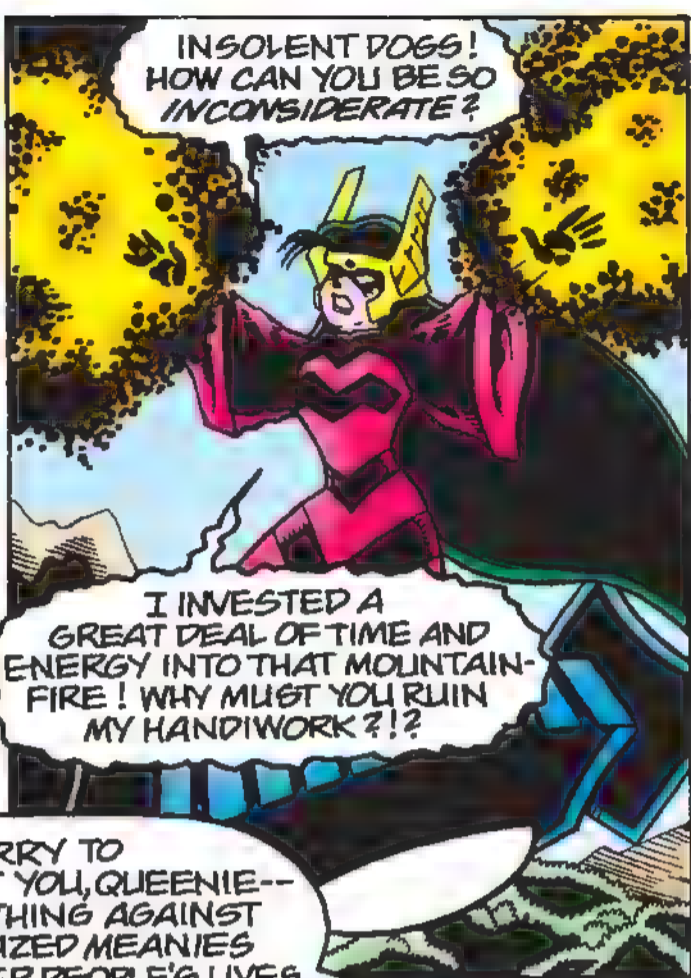
NO PROBLEM. THE TOUGH PART'S OVER--FROM HERE ON OUT, IT'S A CAKEWALK!



Eeeheehheeh! DON'T BE SO SURE, HEDGEHOG! OUR GAME ISN'T OVER YET!

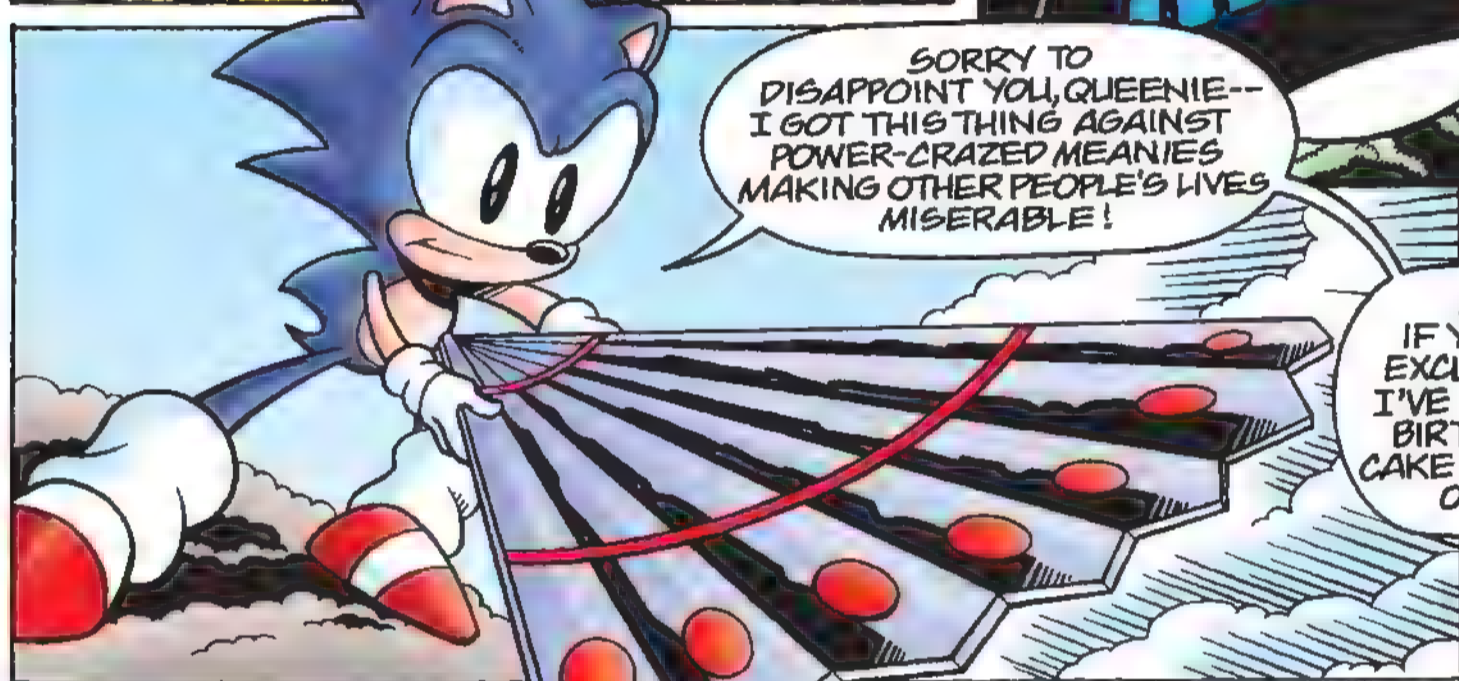
LOOKOUT! THE IRON QUEEN'S BACK FOR A REMATCH!

JUST GET THE JOB DONE, AND LET ME DO THE DRIVING!



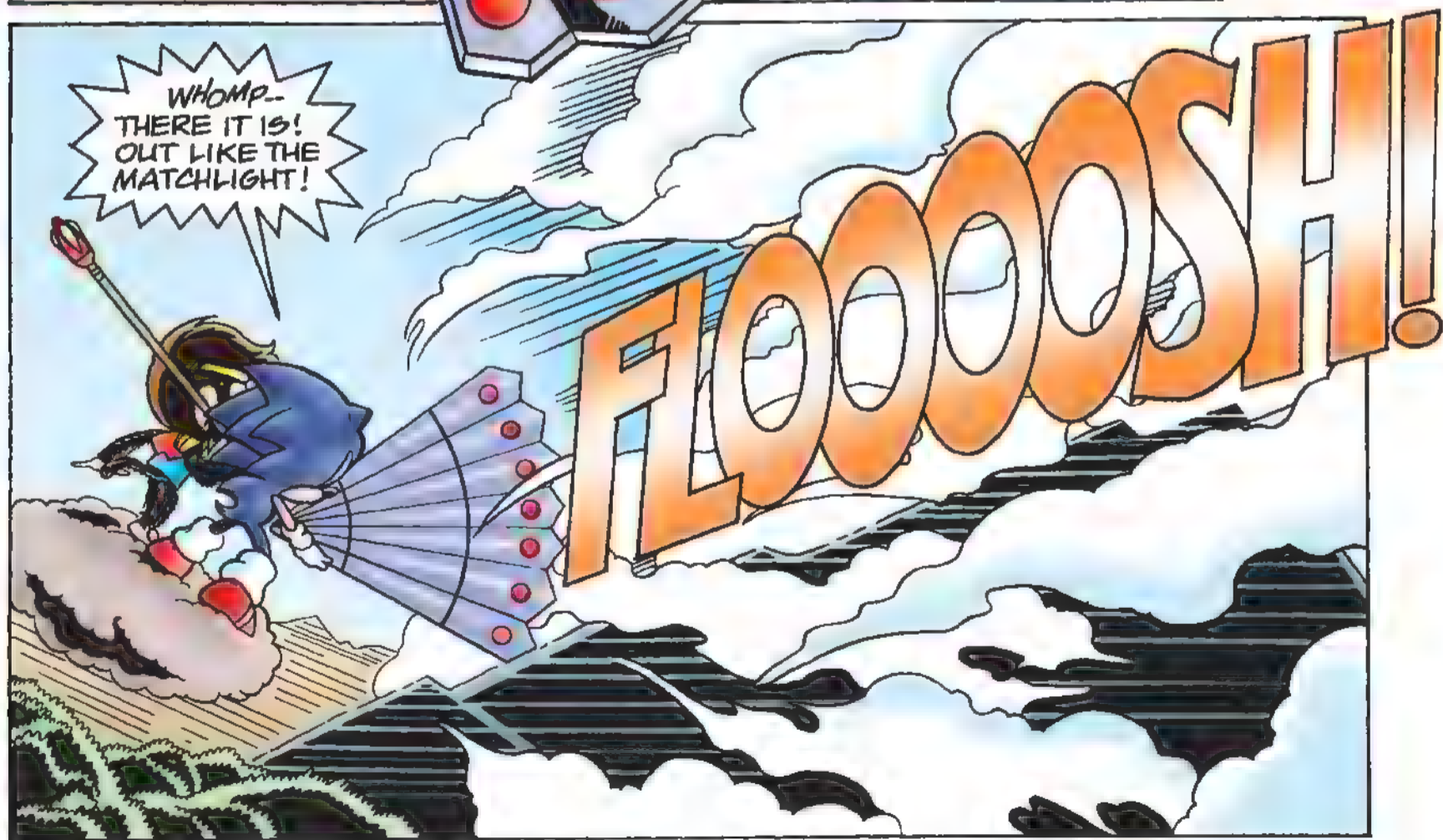
INSOLENT DOGS! HOW CAN YOU BE SO INCONSIDERATE?

I INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND ENERGY INTO THAT MOUNTAIN-FIRE! WHY MUST YOU RUIN MY HANDIWORK?!?



SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, QUEENIE--- I GOT THIS THING AGAINST POWER-CRAZED MEANIES MAKING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES MISERABLE!

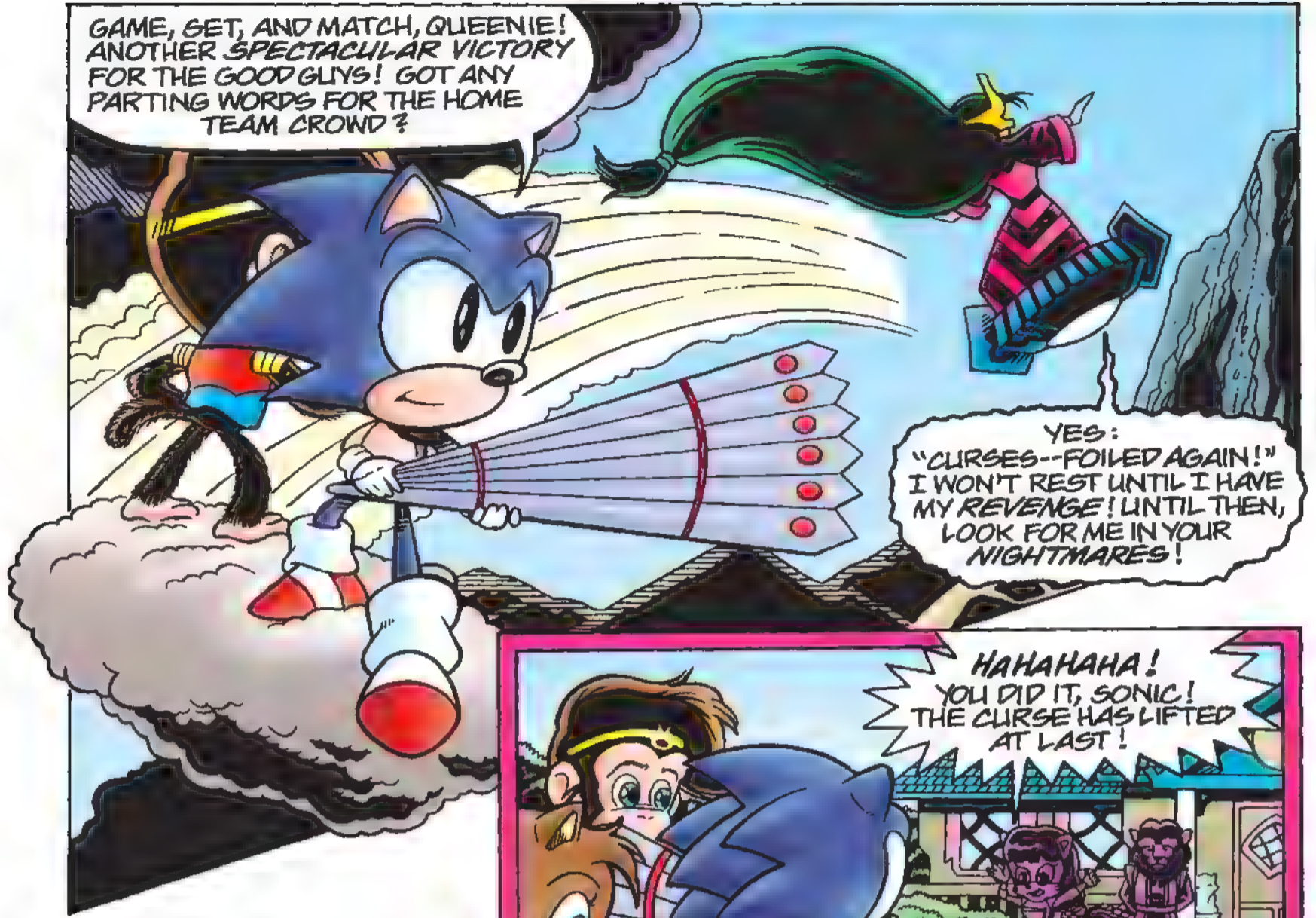
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT A BIRTHDAY CAKE TO BLOW OUT!



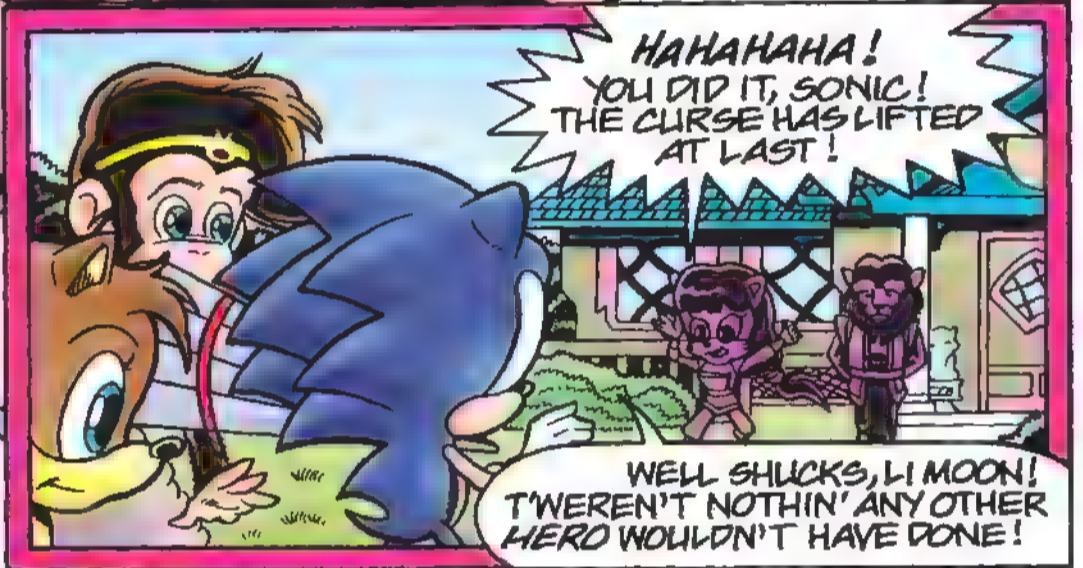
WHOMP-- THERE IT IS! OUT LIKE THE MATCHLIGHT!

FLOOOOSH!

GAME, SET, AND MATCH, QUEENIE!
ANOTHER SPECTACULAR VICTORY
FOR THE GOOD GLYS! GOT ANY
PARTING WORDS FOR THE HOME
TEAM CROWD?



YES:
"CURSES--FOILED AGAIN!"
I WON'T REST UNTIL I HAVE
MY REVENGE! UNTIL THEN,
LOOK FOR ME IN YOUR
NIGHTMARES!



HAHAHAHA!
YOU DID IT, SONIC!
THE CURSE HAS LIFTED
AT LAST!

WELL SHUCKS, LI MOON!
T'WEREN'T NOTHIN' ANY OTHER
HERO WOULDN'T HAVE DONE!

HEY, DON'T
FORGET--WE
COULDN'T
HAVE DONE
IT WITHOUT
THE
MONKEY
KHAN'S
HELP.

I'M NOT AT ALL
SURPRISED, THE
ANCIENT
PROPHESES
FORETOLD THE
ASCENSION OF
A GREAT MONKEY
KING!



MONKEY...
KING?!?

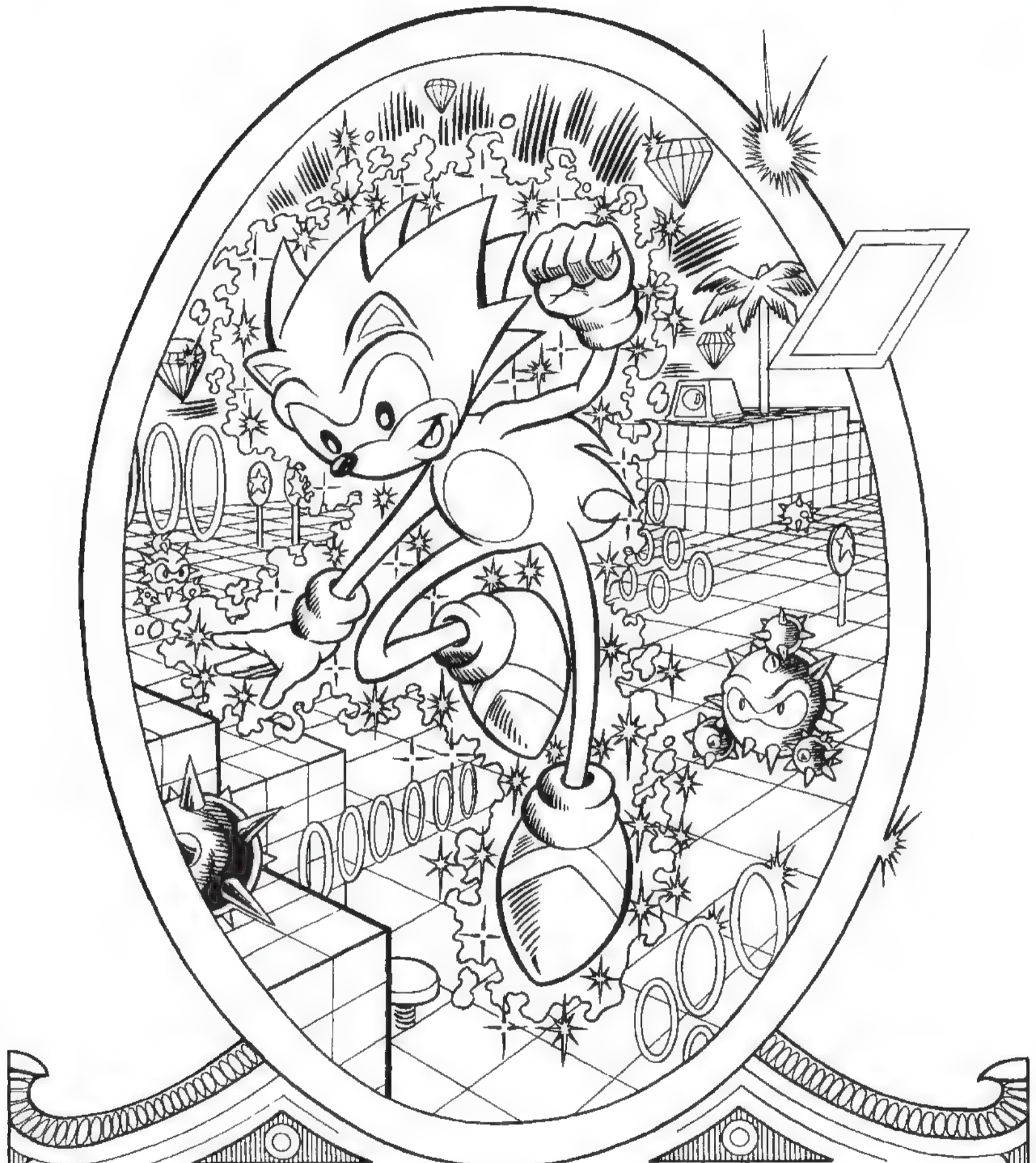
PFFT! GO FIGURE!
THE HEDGEHOG DOES
ALL THE WORK, BUT
THE MONKEY GETS HIS
OWN PROPHECY!

MAN, I HAVE GOT
TO GET A NEW
PUBLICIST!



End

SUPER SONIC

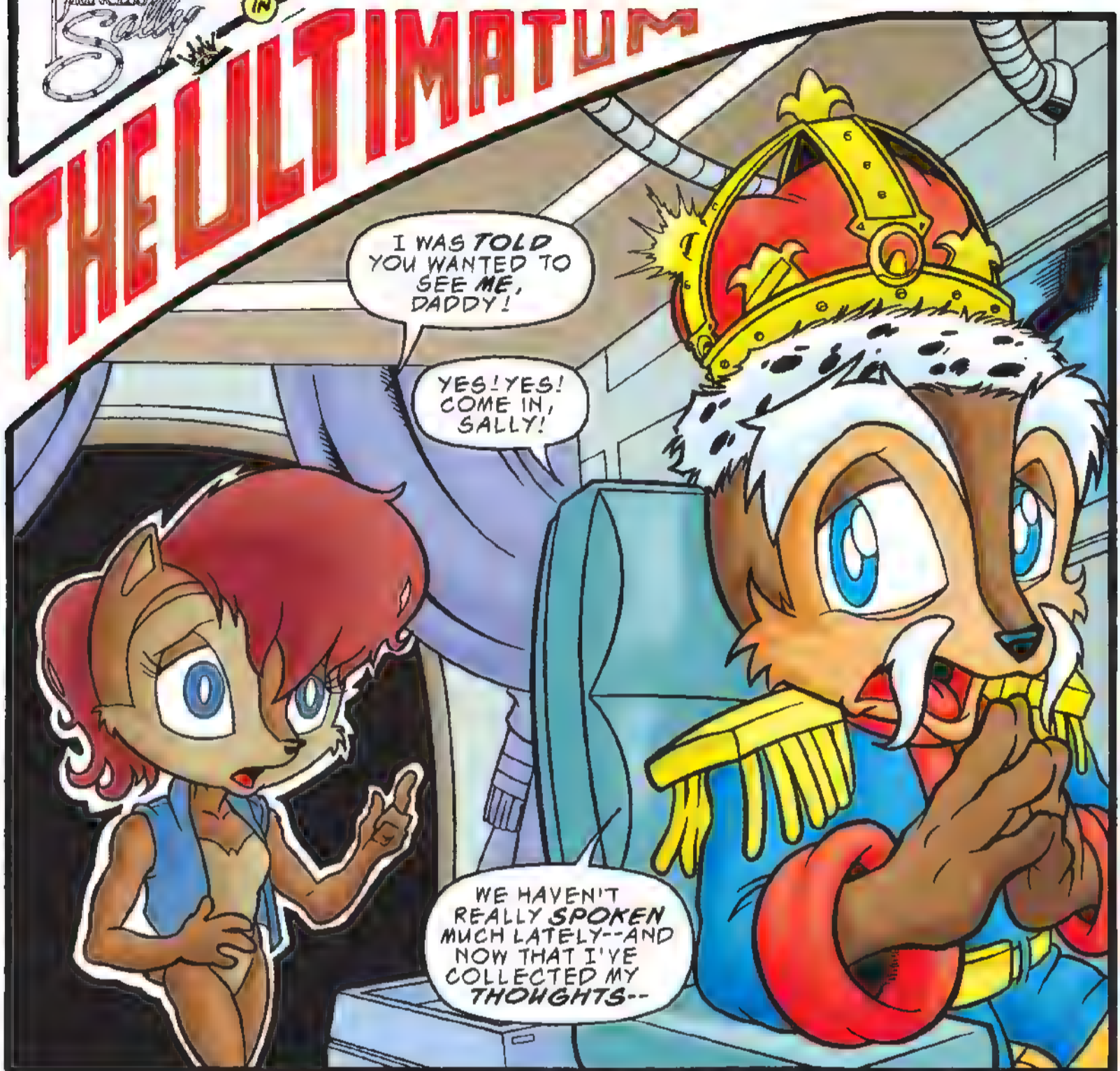


HEY KIDS! HERE'S A *BONUS PIN-UP*
FOR YOU TO COLOR, PENCILLED BY THE
ONE AND ONLY *JIM VALENTINO*,
CREATOR OF *SHADOWHAWK* AND
CO-FOUNDER OF *IMAGE COMICS!*
ENJOY!

PRINCESS
Sally

IN

THE ULTIMATUM

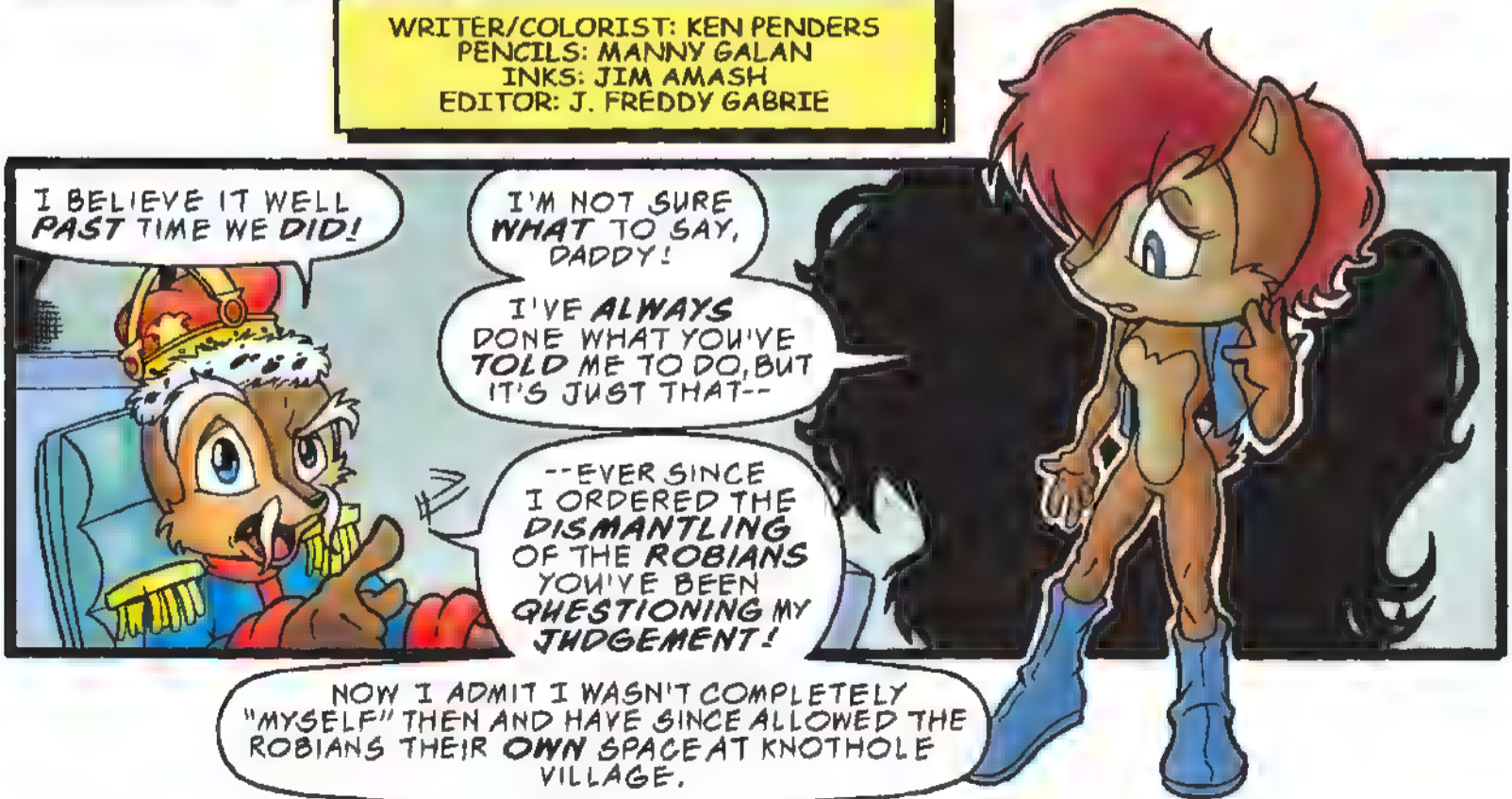


I WAS TOLD YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, DADDY!

YES! YES! COME IN, SALLY!

WE HAVEN'T REALLY **SPOKEN** MUCH LATELY--AND NOW THAT I'VE COLLECTED MY THOUGHTS--

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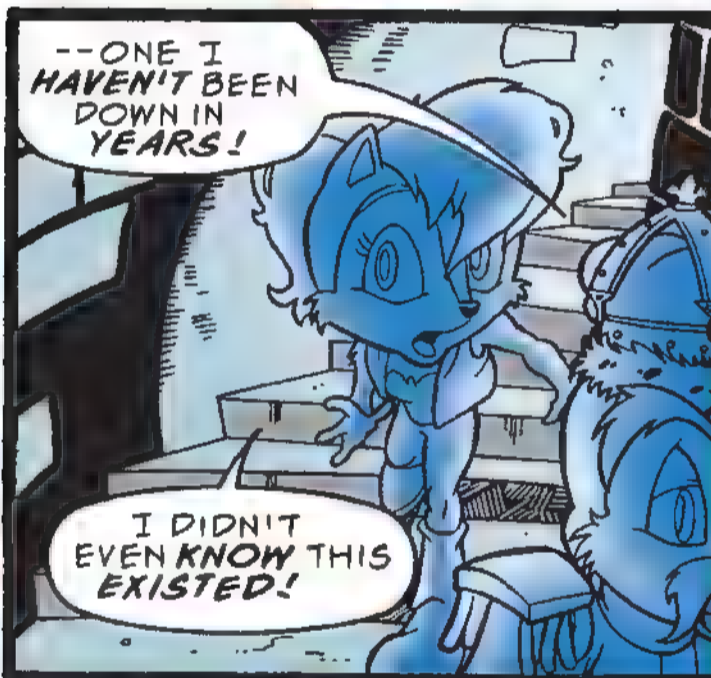
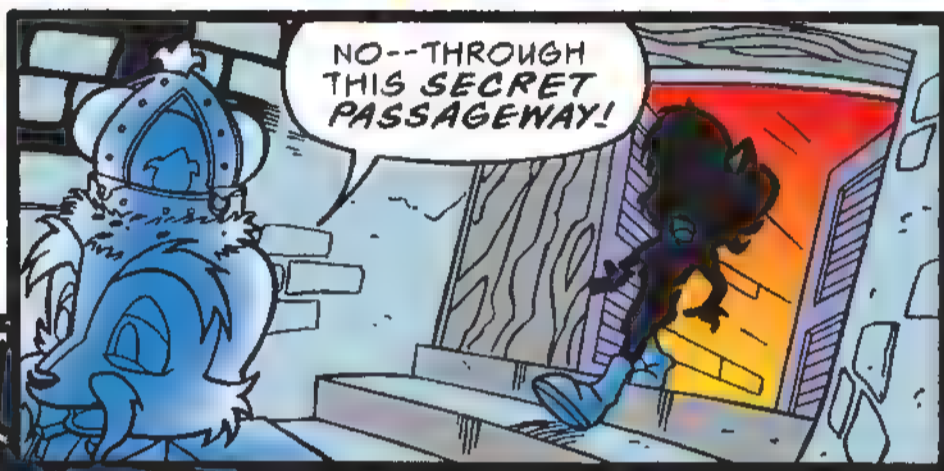
I BELIEVE IT WELL PAST TIME WE DID!

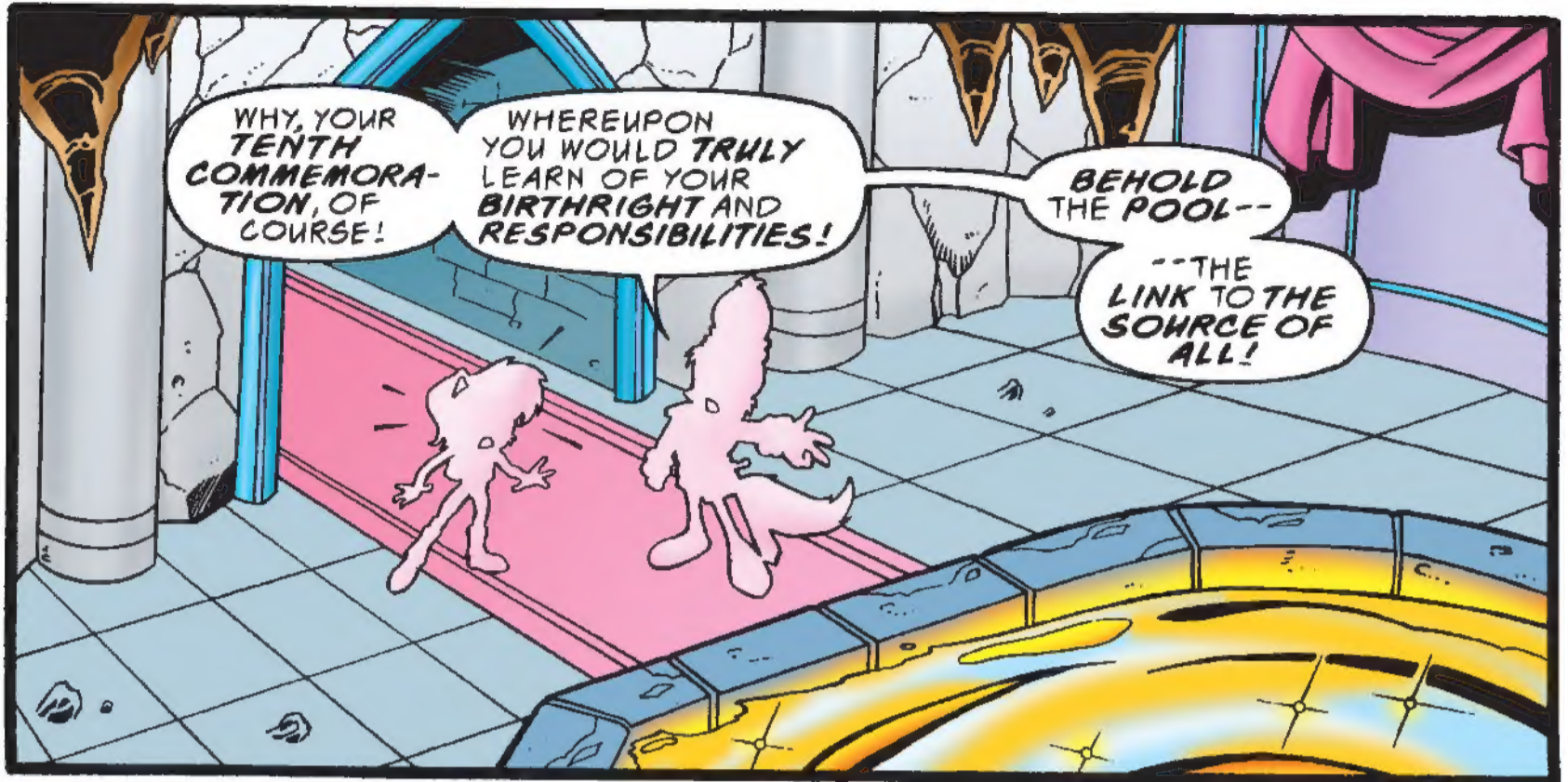
I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY, DADDY!

I'VE ALWAYS DONE WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME TO DO, BUT IT'S JUST THAT--

--EVER SINCE I ORDERED THE **DISMANTLING** OF THE ROBBIANS YOU'VE BEEN QUESTIONING MY **JUDGEMENT!**

NOW I ADMIT I WASN'T COMPLETELY "MYSELF" THEN AND HAVE SINCE ALLOWED THE ROBBIANS THEIR **OWN SPACE** AT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.



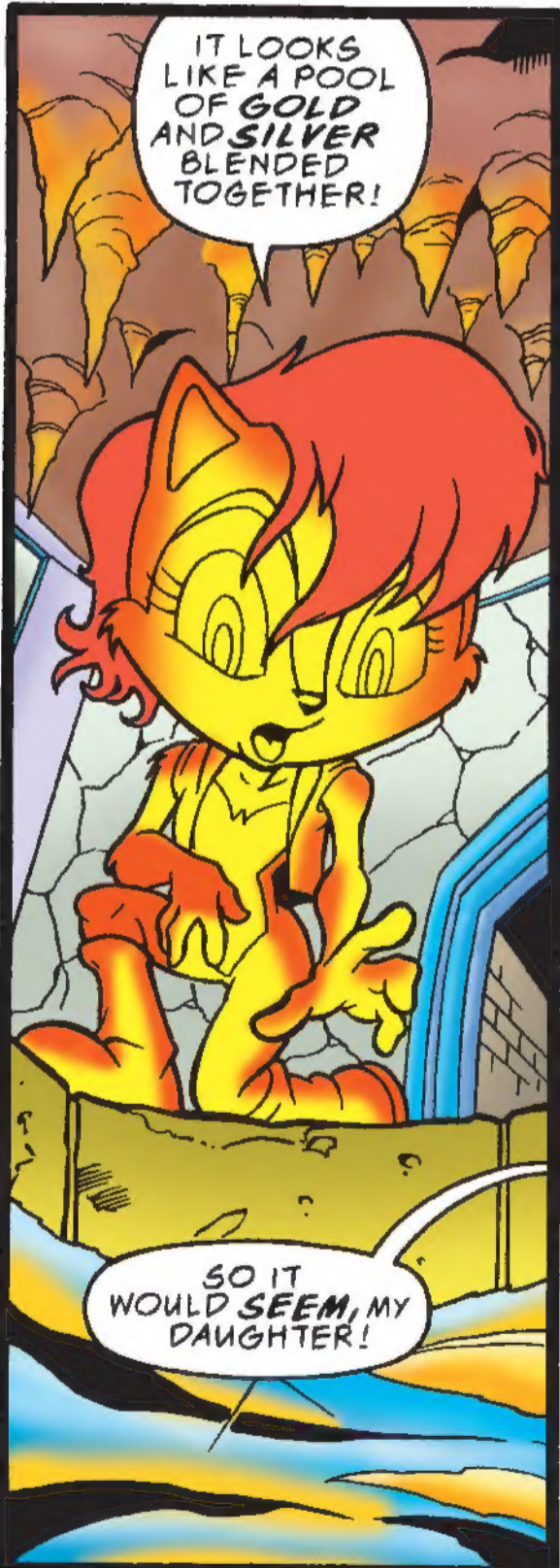


WHY, YOUR TENTH COMMEMORATION, OF COURSE!

WHEREUPON YOU WOULD TRULY LEARN OF YOUR BIRTHRIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITIES!

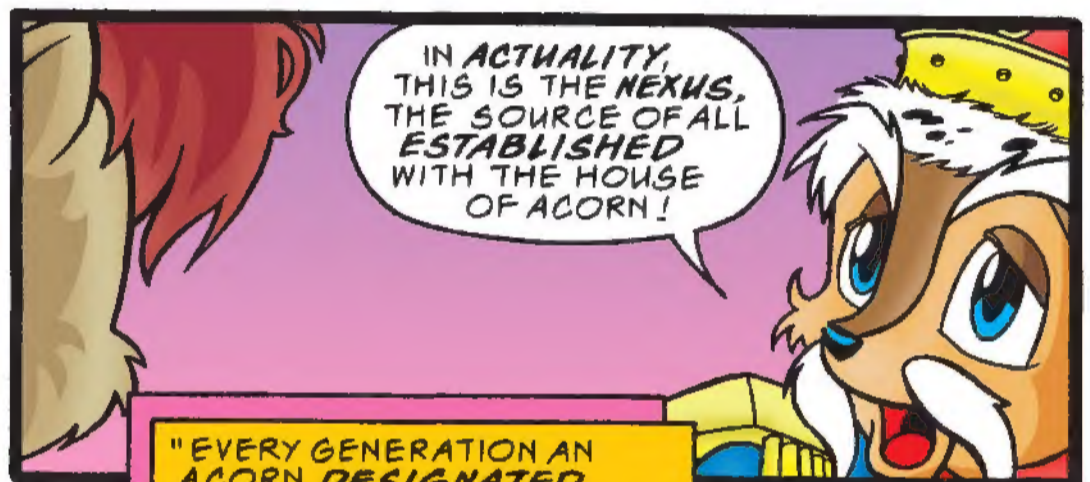
BEHOLD THE POOL--

--THE LINK TO THE SOURCE OF ALL!



IT LOOKS LIKE A POOL OF GOLD AND SILVER BLENDED TOGETHER!

SO IT WOULD SEEM, MY DAUGHTER!

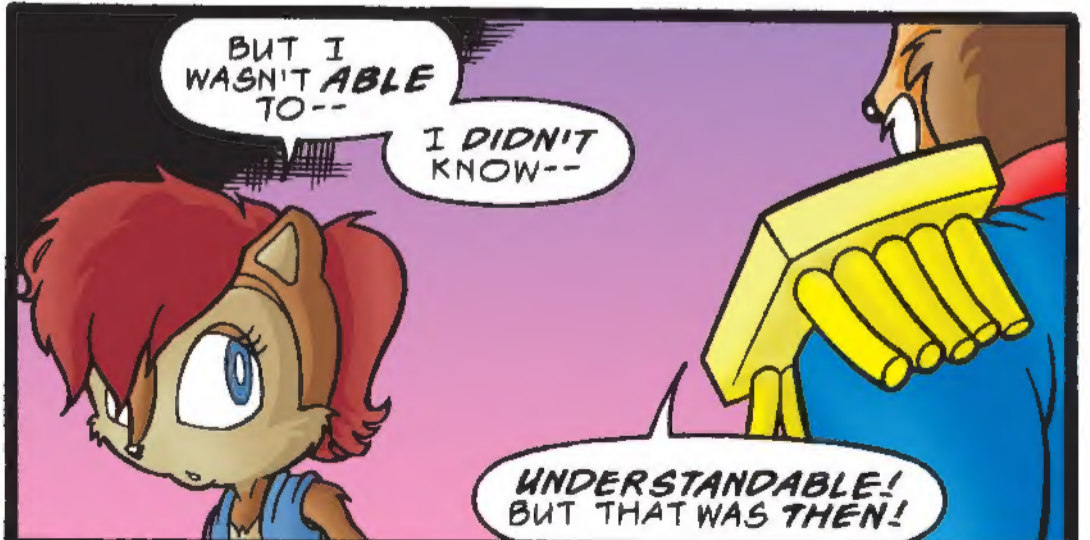


IN ACTUALITY, THIS IS THE NEXUS, THE SOURCE OF ALL ESTABLISHED WITH THE HOUSE OF ACORN!

"EVERY GENERATION AN ACORN DESIGNATED TO ASCEND THE THRONE BINDS WITH THE SOURCE!"

"THE PROCESS USUALLY BEGINS WITH THE TENTH COMMEMORATION!"*

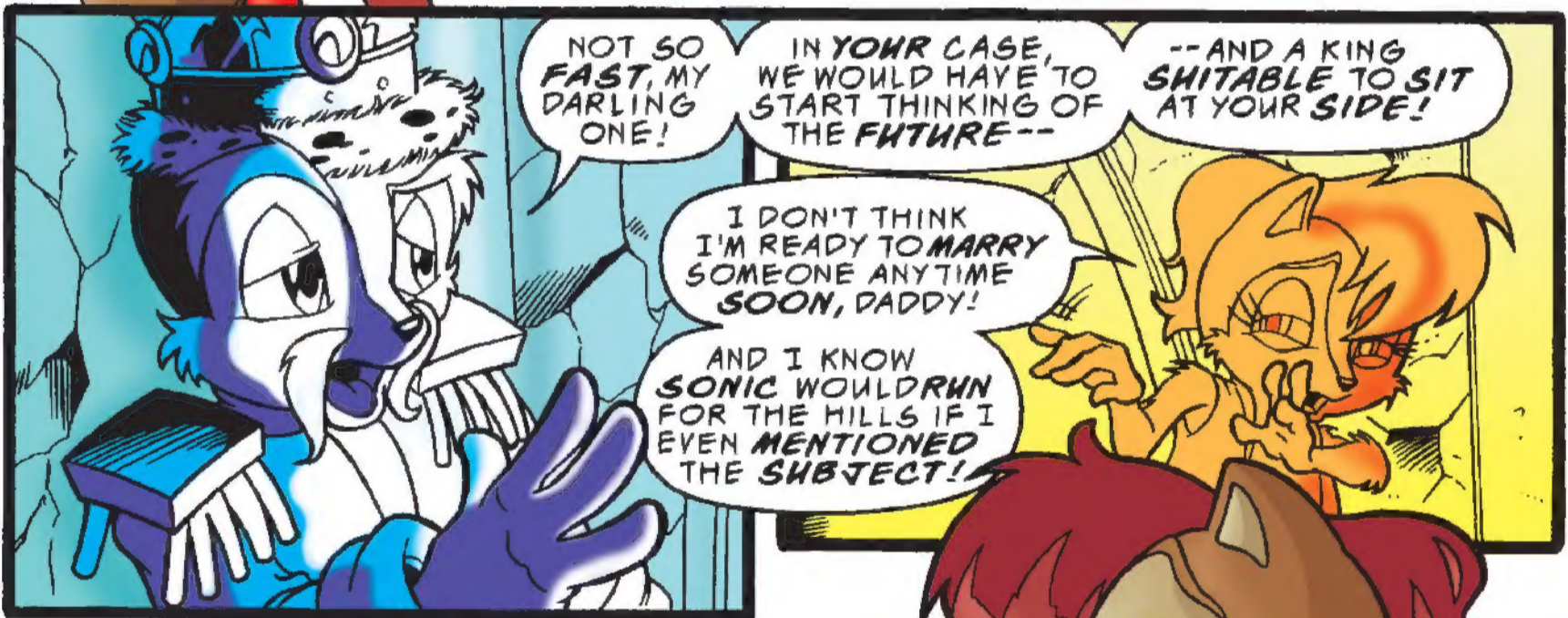
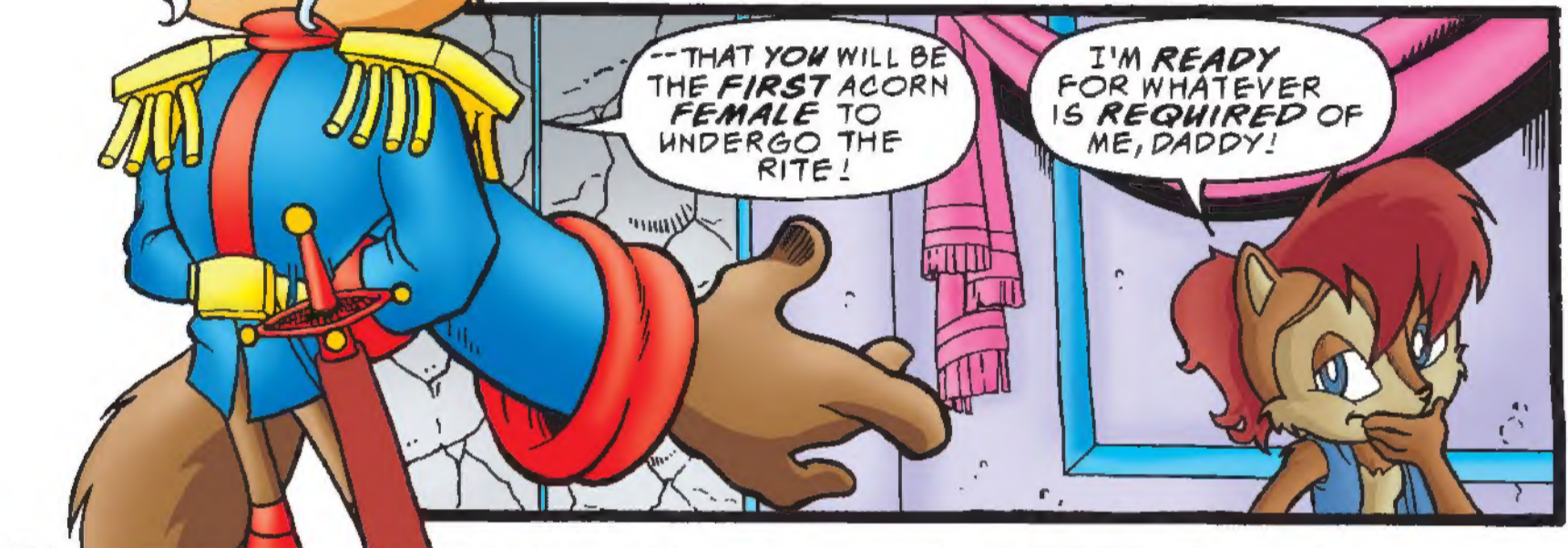
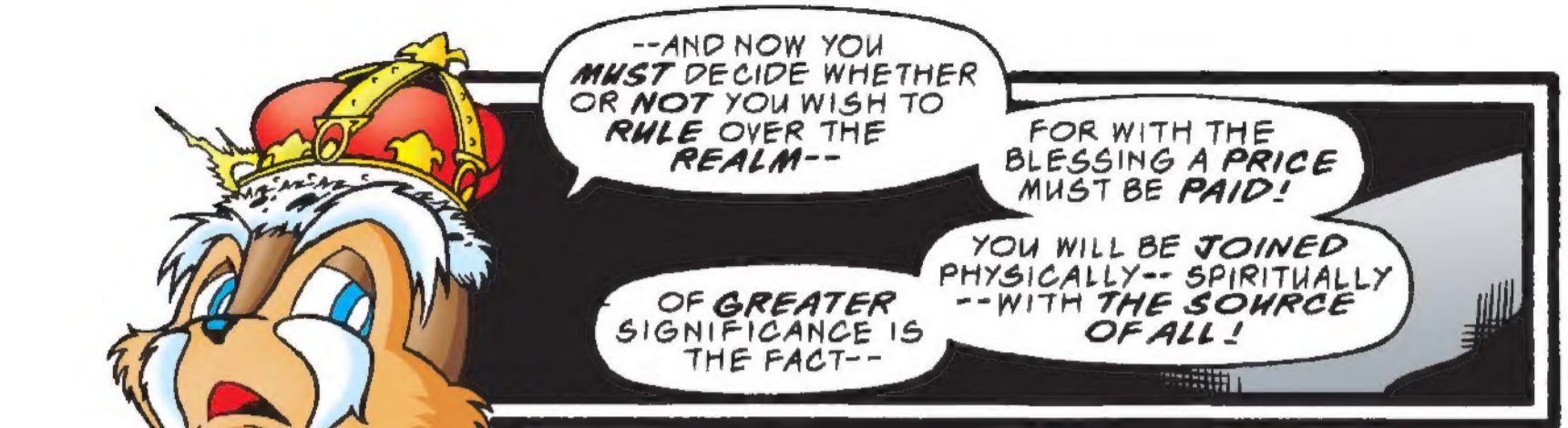
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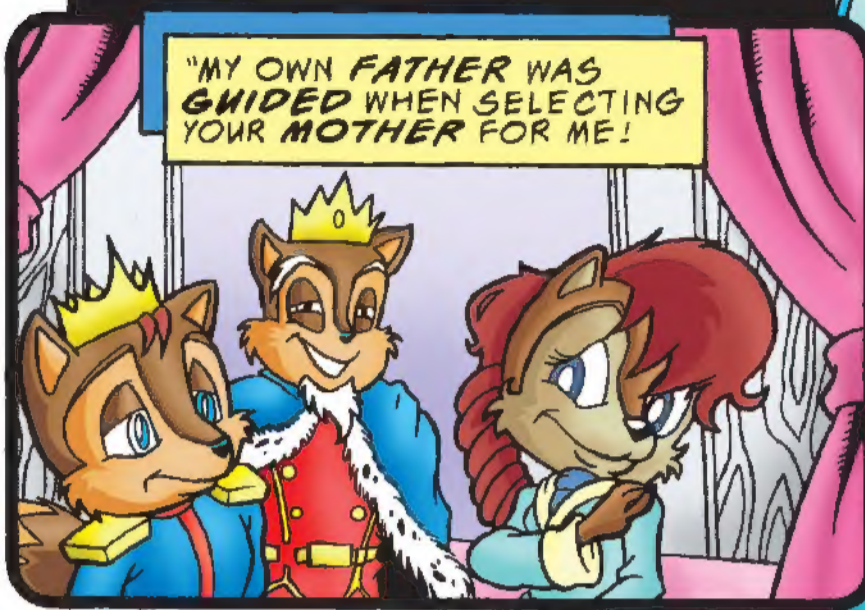
BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO--

I DIDN'T KNOW--

UNDERSTANDABLE! BUT THAT WAS THEN!



"A MONARCH DOESN'T CHOOSE HIS MATE, THE SOURCE DOES!"



"MY OWN FATHER WAS GUIDED WHEN SELECTING YOUR MOTHER FOR ME!"

"WE WERE BETROTHED WHEN WE WERE BUT ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE!"



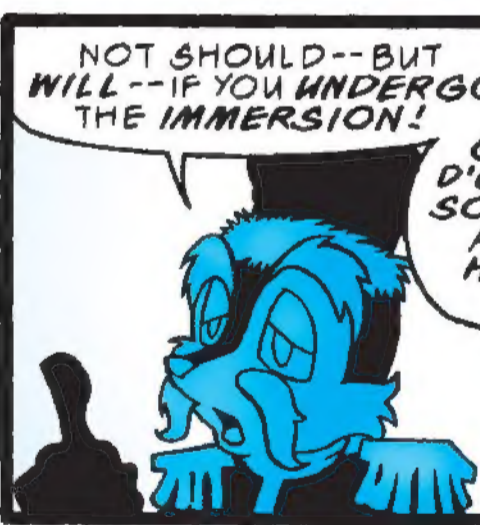
"UPON OUR EIGHTEENTH COMMEMORATION WE WERE MARRIED!"

SO ARE YOU SAYING THIS-- THIS SOURCE OF ALL-- HAS ADVISED YOU ON WHO I SHOULD MARRY?



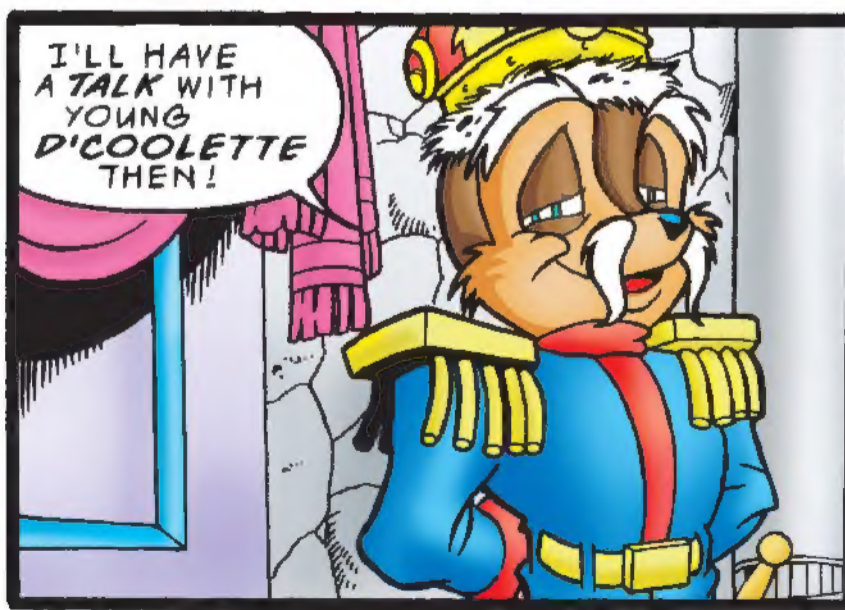
NOT SHOULD-- BUT WILL-- IF YOU UNDERGO THE IMMERSION!

GENERAL D'COOLETTE'S SON WILL MAKE A FINE HUSBAND FOR YOU!



ANTOINE?

I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH YOUNG D'COOLETTE THEN!



YOU'LL DO NO SUCH THING, DADDY!

